

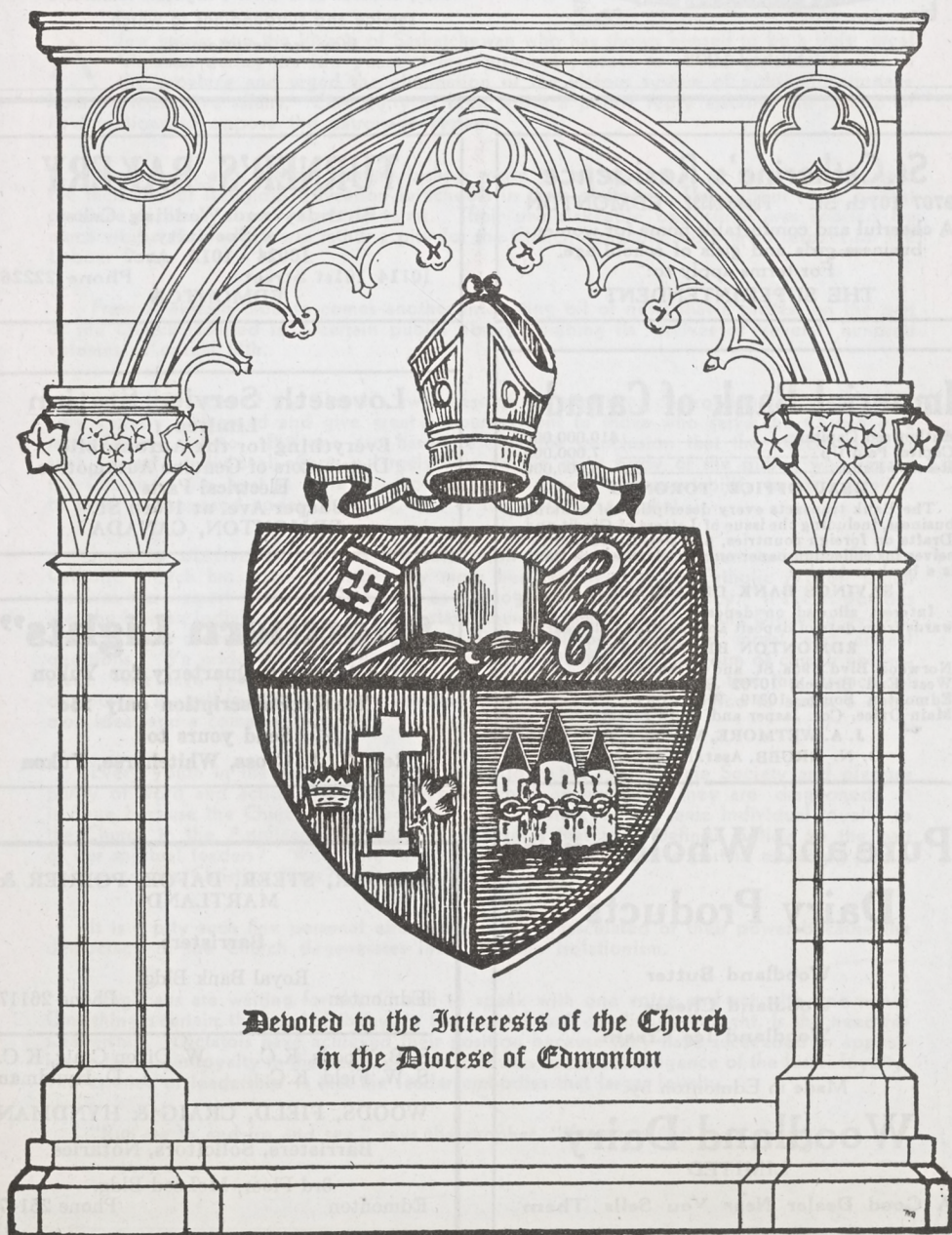
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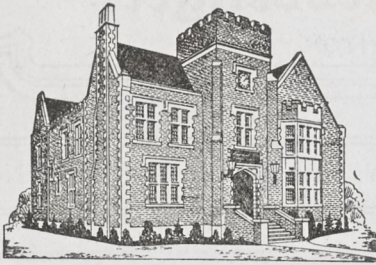
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## Editorial

### THE CHURCH IN ACTION

A few weeks ago the Bishop of Saskatchewan who has shown himself to be a truly great Christian during the few years of his episcopate, wrote to all the political parties in the province and urged the elimination of the vicious system of political patronage from administrative affairs. One party at least wrote a public reply assuring the Bishop of its intentions to oppose the patronage system.

Some years ago another western bishop wrote to all parties in an election and urged the inclusion of Religious Education in schools in their platform. The Labour Party of that province replied in very scathing terms. Their unmistakable opposition was spoiled by much vituperation which was rather a pity for the Church generally has a great respect for the Labour Party.

From a western diocese comes another interesting bit of news that a protest on the part of the Church resulted in a certain public library combing its shelves of several hundred volumes of sexual filth.

Such evidences of the Church's awareness of the problems confronting this country are very eagerly welcomed and give great encouragement to those who serve the Church in a more limited sphere. But one can hardly escape the conclusion that the effectiveness of such sporadic individual efforts is largely lost on the great body of the public who regard the Church at the best as a luxury, sometimes as a mark of respectability to give sanction to their self-imposed codes of ethics, and at the worst as a racket.

Impartial observation supports the conclusion that the sister communion of the Roman Catholic Church has made incomparably more headway through its Catholic Action which receives the support of the whole church as a recognized part of its policy. It seems obvious that the intense individualism in the Protestant Churches and in our own, the Diocesan System, militates very successfully against the marshalling of all our forces on moral and ethical questions. We pride ourselves on our democratic institutions and our form of church government. We have yet to learn as the democratic countries are learning that the essence of democracy is a self-imposed discipline in favour of, and a voluntary service to assist, a common ideal and a common purpose.

Every youth in the Roman Catholic Church joins the Holy Name Society and pledges purity of word and action. It is simply bias, which suggests that they are dragooned. It is done because the Church has thought it good. Where is that same individual loyalty to the Church in the Anglican communion? Where is that same definite policy on the part of our spiritual leaders? When are we going to play the effective part in moulding public opinion along Christian lines?

It is a pity such fine personal efforts should be emasculated of their power because the democracy of the Church degenerates into diocesan isolationism.

Anglicans are waiting for the Church to speak with one voice and act with one mind. One thing is certain, the need of today, in the face of such conflicting thought, is the need for Leadership. Dictators have achieved their position because they have succeeded in appealing to the larger loyalty in the hearts of their followers to the submergence of the lesser loyalty. The essence of leadership is that the leader embodies that larger loyalty.

"Run ye to and fro and see," says the prophet, "if ye can find such a man."



## The Page Pulpit

### DIOCESAN SILVER JUBILEE SERMON

By The Rt. Rev. A. E. Burgett, M.A., D.D.

Broadcast over CJCA from Holy Trinity Church, April 23rd, 1939.

St. Matthew 21: 28—"Son, go work today in my vineyard."

This you remember was a call from a father to his two sons, to go and work in his vineyard. Today, the vineyard is still there—the Diocese, the Parish, the Church; where you live and worship, and the work is also there, for all of us to do, waiting to be done. And the call of the Father again sounds. "Son, go work today in my vineyard." What is your answer to that call?

Today, we celebrate throughout the Diocese the Silver Jubilee or twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of this Diocese. We look back, for twenty-five years, and think of all the work accomplished for God by the Church in this Diocese, during that time, and when we think of it all, we rejoice and give thanks.

We think of Canon Newton, the first missionary sent out to us by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who was the first Anglican priest to hold services in this city and who established the Church in Edmonton. All Saints, his first church, on the corner of Victoria Avenue and 121st Street.

We think, again, of the date 1913, when this Diocese was separated from Calgary and set aside as the Diocese of Edmonton. Some, will remember the election and subsequent consecration of Bishop Gray as the first Bishop of Edmonton.

Again, many will remember the splendid self-sacrificing work of those clergy and laymen who came to help us in Alberta, through the Archbishop's Western Canada Fund. They came from England, built the Edmonton Mission House, now our Synod Office, and from that House went out to all parts of this Diocese to give services and sacraments and to minister to those who lived in the backwoods and were without the ministrations of the Church.

We think of the early struggles to build churches and vicarages and to establish parishes. All this brings to mind the hard work, cheerfully performed, and the earnest prayers and the self-sacrifice of our Church members in town and country, who gave so much time and labour and money to build the churches where we gather to worship today, and to erect the vicarages and parish halls, which we enjoy the use of today.

All this we look back upon and in our services this day, show our thanksgiving in hymns, psalms and prayers, throughout the Diocese.

Again, we look back, in more recent years to the clergy and laymen who travel far and wide, and work so hard and bear much hardship, and who are still carrying on the work of the Church everywhere in this part of Alberta, bringing the Gospel of Christ to lonely settlers and enduring much hardship to minister to the 26,000 members of the Church of England, who live in the Diocese of Edmonton. We think of them, these clergy and laymen, and again we rejoice and give thanks.

We must not rest content with the labours of those who worked so hard in the past to enable us to enjoy what we have today, but we must continue to build on the foundation that they so well and truly laid.

The call comes to each of us, "Go, work today in my vineyard." There is much work to be done, in each and every parish in the Diocese.

Today, on the occasion of our Jubilee Thanksgiving, I wish to launch, all over the Diocese, a league called the League of Prayer and Service. This league is first of all, for everyone of us to join in Prayer for peace in the world. We realize that God desires Love, Peace, and Brotherhood among all men, and in these troublous times we ask His help to maintain that Peace and promote the Love and Brotherhood that is so much needed in the world today.

Secondly, this League is for Service. It will, I hope, cause everyone to consider carefully what service they can render to the Church. We all have our talents, some one, and some another, and the League is intended to enlist the services of all for the use of the Church. There is need for service for God and His Church in every parish in town, and in every district in the country, and I ask all to sign the card of the League and undertake some definite work for God, some witness for Him, so that the Church can go forward in this Diocese.

"Service is the test of all our professions. When our Lord asked Peter the question, "Lovest thou me?" the disciple was pointed at once to the practical test, "Feed my sheep." In the great parable of the Judgment the people who were accepted were those who had fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the sick. They were told that although they had been unconscious of it they had ministered to Christ himself. Service is the royal road to true communion, and there is no one who takes it who is not blessed by our Lord Himself. There are many emotions in the Christian life, but the only way to fix those emotions is to harness them to practical service. If that is not done they fade and die. The world of today is crying out for those who in Christ's Name will serve their fellow men, and my hope and prayer is that the League may become increasingly an instrument in His Hands through which His love for man expresses itself."

I also wish to mention the Silver Jubilee Fund, a fund of \$1,200.00 which I wish to raise so that I can place one ordained clergyman in some district of this Diocese (and there are several) where there are no ministrations nor services being provided for those who are pleading for them.

This fund is to be our thank-offering, our thanksgiving for the mercies given to us in this Diocese, during the past 25 years. I appeal to all our people in country and town, especially the members of the W.A., the Guilds, the Men's Societies, the A.Y.P.A. and all church organizations throughout the Diocese.

These thank-offerings should be sent to the Synod Office or to me, so that we can open up another centre of religious activity in the Diocese, where at present there is nothing.

Let us mark our Jubilee therefore, by raising this Jubilee Fund to help others to have the religious privileges and services that we enjoy ourselves,



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and also let us join the League of Prayer and Service, as a definite spiritual effort to advance the religion of Christ in this Diocese.

Once more, I ask you let us thank God for the past, and all the blessings that we have received through the Church, in this Diocese, for the last 25 years, and let us take our part through the League of Prayer and Service to promote the spiritual growth of our Diocese and so accept the challenge put before us in the Text, "Go work today in my vineyard."

## Diocesan News

### BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

- May 3rd—Attend and speak at the Convocation at Emmanuel College, Saskatoon.
- May 7th—Confirmation, All Saints', Edmonton.
- May 14th—Confirmation, Onoway.
- May 15th—Ordination at Edson, Mr. Godkin.
- May 21st—Confirmation, Viking.
- May 28th—Confirmation, Wabamun.
- May 30th—Attend Quiet Day for the Clergy.
- May 31st—Attend Conference of the Clergy.
- June 4th—Confirmation, Vegreville.
- June 13th—House of Bishops meet Winnipeg.
- June 14th—Provincial Synod at Winnipeg.
- June 18th—Confirmation at Bon Accord.
- June 25th—Confirmation, Jasper.

### BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS

- The Rev. Cyril Clarke to Parish of Rife and Cold Lake.
- Mr. Foster to Parish of Rife and Cold Lake.
- The Rev. Rollo Boas to Parish of Wainwright.
- The Rev. P. A. Rickard to Parish of St. Peter's with St. Mark's, Edmonton.
- Mr. Godkin to Cadomin and Coal Branch.

### SILVER JUBILEE MISSIONARY FUND

GREAT THINGS are on foot in the Church to meet the Bishop's appeal for \$1,200 to help support a missionary in one of our own Diocesan mission fields.

Already the Diocesan W.A. has voted \$200 towards the objective. This is a splendid start. The W.A. always know how to respond. But

that is not all. Now comes news of a **Church Demonstration**, to be held in the Memorial Hall, Edmonton, on June 20th, both afternoon and evening. Ten booths are to be erected and there will be demonstrated ten different activities in the Church. Here are some of them—Doreas Work, Indian Missions at Frog Lake, Church Furnishings, Social Service Work, the Overseas Field—China and Japan, Sisters of St. John the Divine, Maple Leaf Fellowship, A.Y.P.A., and D.B.R.E. If you want to know what your Church is doing come to this **Demonstration**.

There will be also a programme both afternoon and evening, pageant and play and music. Tea will be served—you'll need to sit down and take refreshment when you discover what your Church is doing.

Then there is to be a "B" and "B" Bazaar. His Lordship the Bishop has given his consent and is in full accord with this splendid idea.

Every organization, Choir, A.Y.P.A., W.A., Women's Guilds, Men's Guilds, Fraternities, Girls' organizations, Scouts and Guides will be called upon to help.

JUNE 20th—MEMORIAL HALL—JUNE 20th.  
KEEP THIS DATE OPEN.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity *pro honoris causa* will be conferred upon the Right Rev. A. E. Burgett, Bishop of Edmonton, at the Convocation of the University to be held in Saskatoon on May 3rd. The Convocation address will be delivered on the same day by the Bishop.

### LEAGUE OF PRAYER AND SERVICE

The League of Prayer and Service was instituted by the Bishop as a Call to Prayer for Peace.

The troublous times through which we are passing and the imminent threat of war with the Dictator countries which still hangs in the balance make it imperative that we all unite in prayer to God to preserve peace and save civilization from ruin.

God Almighty possesses the power to stop war and therefore we turn to Him in our danger and distress to so guide the nations that Peace may be preserved and disaster averted.

God has promised that prayer will be heard and answered and it behoves us all to join together and present our Petitions to Him wherever we are.

Service follows Prayer naturally and the desire to serve God in some way is the Witness we can all give as a result of our Prayers.



## THE MAYERTHORPE MISSION

THE REV. W. DEV. A. HUNT

What do you know of the work in the Home Mission Field? Every church member should make it a resolution in the Jubilee Year to learn more of the work our Church is doing in the Mission Fields of our own Diocese. Knowledge brings understanding. Understanding will bring Enthusiasm and Enthusiasm means Practical Support.

The Church Messenger endeavors to keep church people alive to the splendid work being done by as fine a group of clergy as you will find anywhere in the rural missions.



ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE

In this issue we publish historical notes of the Mayerthorpe Mission, and in doing so we add the Church's word of encouragement to all who are helping to hold aloft the Religion of the Cross in that large and scattered field.

### St. Luke's, Mayerthorpe

The foundation stone of St. Luke's, Mayerthorpe, was laid by the Archdeacon Burgett in June, 1930, the incumbent at that time being the Rev. Thomas Wray and the student in charge Mr. C. Storey who lived at Greencourt.

Mayerthorpe became a separate parish on April 29th, 1931, with the Rev. W. deV. A. Hunt in charge. The new incumbent held his first service there on June 28th with a congregation of twelve and on July 19th he was inducted by the Ven. A. E. Burgett. The Sanctuary of the church alone was lined and there was very little furniture. The vicar lived for three years in the vestry attached to the church and for two summers shared it with the student, Mr. P. J. Disney, now of Hardisty.

Most of the improvements since that time have been due to the very active W.A. under the presidency of Mrs. A. A. Knight.

The first Confirmation Service was held on June 16th, 1932, when fourteen persons were confirmed in the presence of a congregation numbering nearly one hundred.

In 1935 work was started on the foundation of a vicarage and in the fall of that year the vicar moved into his new home. From time to time the Church has been enriched by gifts from England as well as from local source.

Standing as it does at the entrance to the village it makes a worthy memorial to the abiding fact that "Man does not live by bread alone."

## St. Saviour's, Greencourt

St Saviour's was erected a parish on July 10th, 1913, by Bishop Pinkham and the Church was consecrated by him in 1914. On this occasion Bishop Pinkham was accompanied by Bishop Gray.

The first services held in Greencourt were at the home of Mr. Baly, situated about a mile from the village. The home has since been destroyed by fire.

The first missionary was Mr. Burgon Bickersteth the present warden of Hart House, Toronto, and author of the book "The Land of Open Doors." Mr. Bickersteth was followed by Mr. (now Canon) W. A. R. Ball who on the outbreak of the War went overseas as chaplain of the 49th Edmonton Battalion. Two lay readers, Mr. Rowsell and Mr. Digby, both of whom lost their lives in the Great War, were also attached to the mission.

When first built the Church was situated half a mile west of Greencourt on the site of the present cemetery. Later it was moved into the village. Amongst those who served in the Mission are the Rev. J. Hawkes now with the Cowley fathers at Bracebridge, and the Rev. C. Storey now vicar of St. Mark's, Edmonton.

St. Saviour's now possesses the largest Sunday School in the whole Mayerthorpe Mission. It has been built up during the last three years through the untiring efforts of Mrs. J. Meilicke.

Together with Padstow and Peavine Greencourt Church shares the distinction of being a pioneer pre-war church. The English colonies are no longer there, settlers of other nationalities having taken their place but the witness to the Christian faith expressed by these sanctuaries still continues strong and undaunted in the face of everchanging circumstances. The Anglican Church is still the Pioneer Church.

## Emmanuel Church, Padstow

Emmanuel Church, Padstow, was built in 1913, and consecrated by Bishop Pinkham. It is a log church, beautifully finished with material which was hauled twenty-eight miles over the bush road from Entwistle by Mr. Morris Lewis. The land on which the Church is built was given by Mr. Leonard Hardy who was accidentally killed by a falling tree when logs were being got for the building. The Church thus stands as a memorial to him. It possesses a beautiful carved font and the Sanctuary is furnished with a brass Cross, candlesticks and alms dish.

Two memorial tablets pay tribute, one to the Missioners who were killed overseas and the other to the men of the Padstow district who gave their lives in the Great War.

Three years ago a porch was added to the Church and just recently a Hall was purchased and moved over to the Church property to form an excellent parish hall.

## Church of the Good Shepherd, Peavine

The early missionaries of the A.W.C.F. first suggested a church at Peavine and the settlers raised funds for that purpose. Generous contributions from Col. Hallows and the brother of a parishioner, still residing at Poplar Grove made a start possible. Mr. Hallows and Mr. Reddish hauled the lumber from Sangudo with oxen and with much voluntary labor under the supervision of Mr. Noel Hayden, now of Edmonton, the church was built. The formal opening and consecration was delayed due to the flooded





THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,  
PEAVINE

condition of the Pembina River which prevented the Bishop from crossing. A second attempt was successful and Bishop Gray consecrated the Church in 1914. The Altar Cloth was the gift of a Miss Abney of Leicestershire.

The Church has affectionate memories of those splendid men who ministered to the people in the early days and mourned their going from the Mission Field to the Battle Field.

Their work was well and truly done and they laid foundations of life and conduct which can be if we will so make them, permanent foundations of a truly Christian country.

#### EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD OF W.A.

Since the Annual Meeting it has been a busy time for the Executive arranging Committees and getting the machinery in order for the year's work. Programmes for the year are now in the hands of all W.A. presidents, Girl leaders, Executive officers, clergy and Life Members. Meetings will be held on May 19th, October 27th and January 26th. The first on May 19th will be held at St. Luke's, Bonnie Doon. Rev. W. H. Hatfield will be celebrant at Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. and will also give the address. In the afternoon Rev. J. L. Anderson of Viking will be the speaker. We still have a number of the Silver Jubilee Booklets "Through the Years." We feel that every W.A. member should have one of these books which contain so much of interest during the early years under the Calgary Board and through our own twenty-five as a Diocesan Board. Mrs. G. P. Gower, Literature Secretary, will be glad to supply you with all the copies you need at the very small cost of fifteen cents.

#### MR. EDWIN DENBY

The Diocese has lost a faithful servant in the passing of Mr. Edwin Denby. As Accountant for the Diocese since its inception he has given many years of conscientious and efficient service. Until a few days ago, although in somewhat indifferent health, he had carried on his duties, but following a brief sickness he passed away peacefully on April 27th.

We extend to Mrs. Denby our deepest sympathy in the time of her sorrow.

#### THE SILVER JUBILEE SERVICE

##### All Saints' Pro-Cathedral, April 19th, 1939

The Anniversary of the first quarter of a century of Diocesan existence was celebrated by the Church in the Diocese of Edmonton during the third week in April.

On Wednesday, April 19th, at 8.00 p.m., a Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by the Rev. Canon T. E. Rowe, was held in All Saints' Pro-Cathedral, Edmonton. The clergy from city and country were present to swell the large congregation assembled, representative of all congregations in the city and including some from rural parishes. A contingent from Wabamun and from Camrose helped us to realize what might be done on such occasions to develop interest and more frequent association. Under the leadership of Mr. Barford the All Saints' Choir gave of their best. The service opened with the processional "The Church's one Foundation." The order of morning prayer was followed with the "Te Deum" and the "Jubilate." The Rev. Canon W. Leversedge read the first lesson from Joshua 1, verses 1-9, and the Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough read the second lesson from St. John 14, verses 15-27. Both were fitting messages. We need the lesson of courage from the patriarchs of old and we need the lesson of the permanence of Christ's presence to help us in these troubled days. The special litany and thanksgiving was led by the Rev. L. D. Batchelor. Following the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past," the Rt. Rev. L. R. Sherman, Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, preached on the text taken from Isaiah 40, verse 31. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." The Bishop reviewed the history of the formation of the Diocese and pointed out how hopeful were the prospects and how adverse circumstances had changed that outlook. He suggested that the Church as a whole must keep three things in mind in its efforts to meet future needs. It must endeavor to interpret its life and its works in terms of Canadian ideals and aspirations. It must exert more influence in helping all Churches to present a "united front" against the evils of the day. It must deepen its own spiritual life and the life of its members.

The Bishop of Edmonton pronounced the Benediction.

If one is allowed to make a comment on this occasion it is to the effect that while those who were present felt the inspiration and the thankfulness which prevailed it is to be regretted that the Church as a whole is not more aware of its singular apathy and its lack of pride in itself. Our Cathedral should have been packed to the doors. Anglicans forget that over-modesty and exaggerated reticence is as much a sin as self praise. We need to let our "light so shine before men" that they may see our good works and so glorify their Father.

The beautiful words of the Hymn 365, "Lord Behold Us With Thy Favor" should find an echo in the hearts of every church member.

#### CLERGY CONFERENCE

The Anniversary of the First Quarter of Century of Diocesan existence was marked by a gathering of the clergy in All Saints' Parish Hall. The morning session was preceded by a Celebration of the Sacrament in the Cathedral. His Lordship Bishop Burgett was the celebrant, assisted by Canons C. F. A. Clough, W. Leversedge and T. E. Rowe, with the Rev. L. D. Batchelor as Server. Prayers were offered for Peace, for the Church, for the Diocese, and for God's Blessing upon the Conference of the Clergy.



The Bishop devoted the first hour to matters of general importance and placed emphasis on the questions of Apportionment. He announced the inauguration of a League for Prayer and Service.

Canon S. F. Tackaberry introduced the subject of a Mission of Evangelism in the Diocese. He reminded the clergy of the definite indications of a forward movement "waiting to be born," of a new consciousness of failure and of a deepening repentance for shortcomings and a willingness to remedy the lack of faith and power. Much interest was shown by all and it was agreed to have a further conference to be preceded by a Day of Prayer.

Canon G. G. Reynolds spoke on the See House Appeal and urged all clergy to see that their parishes responded. The Rev. G. P. Gower placed the question of Church Messenger before the meeting stating that there were only 760 subscriptions to the magazine in the whole Diocese. One thousand subscribers would mean no debt and therefore a better magazine would be possible.

Canon C. F. A. Clough aroused much interest in Youth Problems. It was quite apparent from the sustained discussion that the question was very urgent in the minds of all. The accusation that the Church is not interested in young people would seem to be quite false, as indeed it is. It was generally agreed that the challenge put up to the youth by the Church was not strong enough. The policy of "come one, come all" may not be as effective at the present moment as a rigid selectivity of likely individuals. Country and city problems are the same but emphasis and method vary.

A day of mutual intercourse was much enjoyed. The clergy were the guests of the Bishop at lunch served by the All Saints' W.A.

## JUBILEE BANQUET

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations on Thursday were brought to a close with a social function at the Corona. Original members of the First Synod and others attended as guests of the Bishop. Fifteen members of the gathering which voted the Diocese into existence were present. The dining room was filled with over two hundred guests from city and country.

Following the toast to the King His Honor Judge Bury proposed the toast to the Diocese and in the course of his speech paid tribute to the first Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt. Rev. Henry Allen Gray. In reply Bishop Burgett spoke of the generous help the various Missionary Societies in England had always given, and of the work of the Edmonton Mission. Speaking of present needs he told of areas waiting the ministrations of the Church and stated that a Silver Jubilee Fund for the maintenance of a missionary would be started. He also was inaugurating a League of Prayer and Service.

Col. F. C. Jamieson, K.C. proposed the toast to the Clergy. He recalled the days of Canon William Newton, first Anglican Missionary, the unprecedented wave of immigration when a million people moved westward. "They brought their clergy with them," he said, "because they were precious. They laid the foundation of moral conduct and we honor them as spiritual leaders." He reminded them of their duty, expressed so well by a famous general in another kind of warfare, "the maintenance of their objective" and pleaded that minor considerations should never be allowed

to divert their attention from their real work "the redemption of souls."

Canon W. Leversedge in reply thanked Col. Jamieson for this toast. Giving a vivid picture of the past Canon Leversedge, whose work in the Diocese as a missionary deserves great praise, brought to his hearers the early conditions and the struggle of the Church. He believed, he said, that the clergy in the Diocese today were carrying on very effectively the work and the traditions of the past.

The Rev. W. E. Edmonds, in a witty speech, proposed the toast to the laity. Mr. Justice Ford replied recalling to his hearers the numerous responsibilities and tasks assumed by a large body of faithful laity in the Church.

To the Rev. P. J. Disney fell the task of toasting the ladies. Although one might question his authorities one had to agree with his conclusions. The women of the Church deserved, the gracious toast which was acknowledged by Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain on behalf of all the women of the Diocese.

The memorable occasion was brought to a close by the singing of "O Canada."

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On Sunday, April 23rd, Jubilee Services were held throughout the Diocese. The morning service at Holy Trinity was broadcast over CJCA. Bishop Burgett preached giving his Jubilee Message which is reproduced in this issue of the Church Messenger on the Page Pulpit.

## ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

The Edmonton Diocesan Council have had two meetings since the February Conference, one on Saturday, April 1st, and one on Saturday, April 22nd. There was an average attendance of fifteen members at these meetings, with Millet being the only country A.Y.P.A. represented.

The most important item of discussion at these meetings was the Dominion Conference to be held this year at Vancouver, May 30th, 31st, June 1st, 2nd, 3rd. The Conference this year is not too far away so we are looking forward to having a fine representation from the Edmonton Diocese. Individual A.Y.P.A.'s are holding various functions in order to assist with the expenses of delegates attending. The official programme for this conference was in the April copy of the A.Y.P.A. monthly and it was decided that at the next council meeting we will discuss this programme. We also intend to discuss the questions which are to be brought up at the Vancouver Conference. The questions are as follows:

- (1) **Leadership:** What is it? What is its basis and foundation? What changes must be made in our A.Y.P.A. program if we are to develop a new generation of consecrated Christian leaders qualified and prepared to meet the world today?
- (2) **Devotional Development:** What is the basis of personal and corporate Devotional Development? Is it conviction? Why do we have a creed? What part can and should the creed play? Do we understand its modern challenge? How can we develop our devotional life, personal and corporate?
- (3) **Reaching Youth of Today:** What is the Christian Community? What effective part can the A.Y.P.A. play in developing a proper conception of the Christian Community?



## Rural Deanery of Edmonton

### ALL SAINTS', EDMONTON

The Rev. T. F. Rowe

During the past month special attention to the International situation has been given by special meetings for prayer, twice daily. The attendances have been regular, and we feel that something definite is being developed.

The special Services for the Diocesan Jubilee were well attended and the sermons preached were worth hearing. We hope to take our part as a parish in the Forward Movement of the next quarter century.

The Rector, who is conducting a Mission at Winnipeg, has resumed his Friday evening lectures on Spiritual Healing. A cordial invitation is extended to all church people to enjoy these masterly discourses.

At the request of the Bishop of the Diocese the Rector has agreed to remain until the end of August, by which time a new Rector may have been selected by the congregation.

The spiritual home of the parish is being maintained and the regular worship of the few who attend the early services is a real contribution.

The date of the Confirmation has been set for June 18th. About 50 candidates have been attending Preparatory Classes for the last six months and the Confirmation will be a real triumph in conversion.

The Wolf Cubs have been reorganized and the Pack will welcome any little wolves who wish to join.

The Choir continues to render its exquisite services and the Wardens and Vestrymen are keenly alive to their responsibilities.

The A.Y.P.A. has provided some interesting programmes lately and the W.A. continues its faithful work.

We record our sympathy to the relatives of the late Joseph Morris and Alfred Williams. May the God of consolation bring them peace.



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Is this not also based on fact that so many of our young people have no clear Christian conviction—no creed—no God? Or an unknown God? Can we reach the Youth of Today until we know where we stand as Christian young people?

- (4) **Is there a place for A.Y.P.A.?** What can the A.Y.P.A. do for our young married people? Should the A.Y.P.A. co-operate with the Canadian Youth Congress or should we clarify our own position first and then solicit the co-operation and support of other Christian youth bodies and thus form a Christian Youth Congress? What would happen to the Youth Congress if the Christian Youth organizations withdrew?

### Amsterdam Conference

It was decided that we ask each A.Y.P.A. for \$3.00 to assist in sending our representative, Garth Walker, to the Amsterdam Conference to be held this summer. A list of the subjects to be discussed at Amsterdam has been given to each A.Y.P.A. and they will report their findings to the council, who will in turn inform Garth of their views.

### Summer Camp at Kapasiwin

Arrangements are getting underway to have an A.Y.P.A. Summer Camp at Kapasiwin Beach. The suggested dates are Saturday, August 5th, Sunday the 6th and Monday the 7th. A camp committee has been formed consisting of: Hugh Reeves, Chairman; Gladys Morgan; Stan Cheston; Jack Kimber.

We hope to have a real programme of religion, edification and fellowship and sports. There will also be discussions carried forward from the February conference. All A.Y.P.A.'s will be informed more fully in the near future as to all the details of this A.Y.P.A. Summer Camp.

The next Council Meeting will be held in the manager's office at Trudeaus on Saturday, May 20th at 8.15. All representatives are asked to be present.

### DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP WEEK JULY 10th-17th

The Annual Diocesan Camp and Conference Week will be held this summer from Monday, 10th July to Monday, 17th July, at Kapasiwin Beach. Arrangements are being made to have this an enjoyable and profitable week for all young and older church friends.

A special programme is being planned for a Junior Section, while the Senior Members will have Lectures, Talks and Conferences on topics of current interest.

Bishop Burgett has kindly agreed to open the School and Conference on Monday, 10th July.

Up to this date the following have been appointed to the staff of the camp: Dean, Rev. T. J. Matthews; Chaplain, Rev. G. P. Gower; Junior Section, Revs. Angus deV. Hunt, Geo. Mackay and A. N. Other; Sports Director, Rev. W. Elkin and T. Teape; Registrar, Rev. Canon S. F. Tackaberry.

Further details will be sent in good time to the Rectors of the different parishes and any enquiries will be gladly answered by them.

Keep the dates in mind, 10th-17th July.



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. G. P. GOWER

**Easter**—Dr. Dale, the great Congregationalist, used to have an Easter Hymn every Sunday morning. His practice of thus emphasizing the real significance of the First Day of the Week was the outcome of a vivid spiritual experience in which he became convinced that Jesus was Alive. Certainly our Easter Festival has more than an ordinary meaning for our members for it is the one day on which they will turn out. It was good to see every available space taken and to have so many communicants, as large a number as we have ever had. It is our hope that no imperfections in our own words or prayers destroyed the reality of the Message of the Risen Lord.

We extend our thanks to Mr. H. P. Brown for his willing services in connection with the showing of the film "King of Kings."

**Diocesan Jubilee**—Our Jubilee Service was a very happy occasion and we had a splendid congregation. We hope that the brief account of the history of our Church in the West has upset the common notion that history is a dry subject. Our history is a most romantic one and more church people should study it. It is full of splendid things still unsung.

**Confirmation**—Twenty candidates were presented for Confirmation on April 30th, in the presence of a crowded church. These boys and girls have received long and careful instruction and the prayers of the congregation are earnestly desired for their spiritual life.

**Women's Guild**—Grateful thanks to those who helped beautify the Sanctuary for the Festival. As our custom is, many in the parish became recipients of these flowers as a token of our remembrance.

The Vestry wish to thank the Guild for their donation of \$100 towards the Building Fund. This is the result of much hard work and is appreciated all the more because of it.

**W.A.**—The Women's Auxiliary had a very successful tea at the home of Mrs. R. H. Cautley. The first real spring weather made the occasion a very auspicious one.

The Evening Group of the W.A. arranged a very pleasant and informative evening when Miss Hueston told of her European experiences.

The Anglican Girls' Council held a Rally in Christ Church Parish Hall last month. The officers were installed at the service held in the Church prior to the meeting and the Candle Lighting Ceremony was again carried out in a most impressive way. The Rector spoke on Loyalty.

**Clergy Relief Fund**—The Lenten Appeal for the relief of Clergy in the drought areas of Saskatchewan resulted in the sum of \$81.91 being forwarded to the M.S.C.C.

The Refugee Fund Appeal received \$19.13. As a result of the efforts of the Sunday School during Lent a cheque for \$30.00 was handed to the Building Fund Committee. The Rector gratefully acknowledges this response to the numerous appeals.

**Building Fund**—With quite a number still to be canvassed the Building Fund has reached \$2,629 of which \$2,500 will have been paid by the time these notes are in print. The result is most gratifying but the end is not yet. Marshal Foch said once the most important principle in attack was the "maintenance of the objective." Let the close of the year see this attained.

**Garden Fete**—A committee convened by Mrs. Norquay is busy making arrangements for a Garden Fete in June. All organizations are being asked to help and we look forward to a great day.

Through Mrs. H. P. Brown and Mrs. Gutteridge we wish to thank all who helped with the Concert on April 28th. It was a fine entertainment and well patronized.

# ST. LUKE'S PARISH

The Rev. W. H. Hatfield

At the morning service and Choral Celebration that followed on Sunday, April 16th, we had the great privilege of seeing one of our W.A. members, Mrs. Evelyn Hobson, given the highest honour of the W.A.—a life membership. Rev. W. H. Hatfield conducted the service, with the junior choir in their scarlet and white robes and a full attendance of the senior choir. On behalf of the W.A. and Bible classes, Mrs. O. Holden presented the certificate, the gold pin was given by the Sunday School and presented by Bessie Morfit. Mrs. W. Hatfield, president, escorted Mrs. Hobson to the altar for the Life Member's Service. At the close of this service, the junior choir sang very sweetly, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee," Hymn 291. It was a lovely spring morning, with the sun shining through the stained glass windows and casting its radiant colors on the lovely flowers that adorned the altar. It all seemed to be in harmony, that one felt, of the great joy that this honour had been bestowed on her who had worked among us for so many years, yet on the other hand it was a moment of sadness and regret to know she was leaving us during the week and would make her future home in the Vermilion district. Mr. Hatfield, in his address, said what a great strength and help Mrs. Hobson had been to the church and parish, and paid a loving tribute to her for her love, loyalty and faithfulness and for the many deeds that only himself and God knew that had been done by her in all the organizations of the church's work. While we regret her departure, yet we feel sure her work will be carried on just as loyal and faithful in her new parish. May God's richest blessing and our best wishes ever be with her in the new sphere of work that lies before her.

Service of Holy Communion followed with all Life Members, with one exception, taking their Communion with the new life member. Nearly all the W.A. members were present, also the Bible classes, and a full congregation of well wishers and friends. It is hard to say good-bye to one who has laboured so long in our midst, but our loss is the others gain.

Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

St. Luke's is again honoured by the attendance of the Quarterly Board Meeting, being held in the church and parish hall, on May 19th.

On Thursday, April 29th, the members of the W.A. attended the 25th Anniversary of the Bonnie Doon Baptist Mission Circle, by their kind invitation. Miss Munro, president, cordially welcomed the guests. She then introduced Mrs. Sheldon, the first president of the Circle 25 years ago, who gave a short account of their work at the beginning and then gave a Bible reading. The other four presidents, who had carried on the work for the past 25 years, were introduced. Very interesting to us were the address given by the Rev. A. Whitman, returned missionary from the Sudan,



## Our Royal Visitors



MAY THEIR MAJESTIES ENJOY CANADA.  
LONG MAY THEY REIGN.  
GOD BLESS THEM.



## Comments Original and Otherwise

### "Curate"

#### *BRAVO DUPLESSIS*

That was the heading of an editorial in the Montreal Gazette a few days ago. It expresses a sentiment that will appeal to all self-respecting Canadians. The circumstance that led to this expression of opinion was the appearance of a crowd of excited young men who raided the galleries of the House Assembly in Quebec, for the purpose of staging a demonstration against conscription. But these young fellows found that they had to deal with a man of different calibre as compared with the Mayor of Montreal. Said Mr. Duplessis, "I have not been accustomed to being carried away. We have the responsibility of directing the province, and are not to be swayed by any movement. It is not my habit—and it is too late at my age to commence—to be carried away by any movement. I believe it better for the future of the university, for the city, and the province, that order be respected, and it is my intention that order shall be respected."

Bravo, Mr. Prime Minister!

#### *SOUTH AFRICA AND THE EMPIRE*

South Africa has a population of some ten millions. Of these only about two millions are whites. Yet South Africa, which includes in its population a large proportion of Boers who were fighting against England some 39 years ago, is standing staunchly behind the Empire in these dangerous days.

General Jan Christian Smuts who, next to Botha, was the greatest and most gallant of the Boer leaders who withstood Great Britain in 1900, expressed the opinion recently that:

"The best and surest shield in this country for the independence of our people and the rights of this country will be the Royal Navy."

Also:

"Another thing which is essential and which we have to do, is to keep in closest touch possible with our friends and our associates in the Commonwealth of Nations."

A little more talk like that by our leaders in Canada would be welcomed by many Canadians.

#### *DON'T ADD TO THE GLOOM*

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently uttered a warning against "allowing the mists of mere rumour to darken our spirits". "God knows," he said, "there are plenty of clouds, but we need not increase them." That is excellent advice, and alongside of it I would like to place this paragraph taken from an article in the Reader's Digest, written by Professor David S. Muzzey:

"The atmosphere in which the present generation lives," Mr. Muzzey observes, "is a miasmic one, propagating pessimism and fear. The burden of our dinner conversation is the hopelessness of the present outlook. We 'speak of the coming war as of the coming winter'. Our courage dwindles, in the simile of Lord Morley, to a puny hope that things may be better, shiv-

ering beside the gigantic conviction that they are bound to be worse. The multitude, unfortified by calm reason or historical perspective, falls into the fallacy that we are living in the worst possible of worlds. They talk freely of the 'return to barbarism' and the 'collapse of civilization'.

"Yet, no setback, however serious, to any particular political reform or economic recovery, is so disastrous as the weakening of faith in the worthwhileness of the effort. The faith which is but another name for courage, is still 'the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen'. All great ages, said Emerson, have been ages of faith. For faith, or courage, is creative, while despair is always destructive."

#### *THE CLERGY AND EVANGELISM*

That was the subject of an article that I read a few days ago. The writer quoted from a book recently published in the United States as follows: "Suppose the Communists or Fascists had a paid agent and a hall in every village in the land, it would not be long until the country were Communist or Fascist. Commenting on this statement the writer of the article says: that that is exactly how the Church is equipped and he questions whether the spiritual results achieved are commensurate with the material investments of men dead and alive. "Are we making the impact on the community that might be expected of us? Can the Church as a whole be really said to be making an attempt at this disciplining business? Listen to your average preacher; read your average religious newspaper; follow the average man in the pew in his daily walk; consider the spineless inanities of the average modernist; and the rasping yells of the average fundamentalist! Put these alongside the commands of Christ and there you have the painful and obvious answer."

#### *STORY FROM A SNOWDRIFT*

During the February snowstorms a young boy living twelve miles from London, Ontario, was taken ill with appendicitis. The roads were drifted with snow and the car in which he was riding was soon unable to proceed. The farmer along the road were appealed to. They not only turned out with their shovels, but they telephoned ahead to their neighbours. After five hours of furious toil the sick boy was on the city streets and the shovellers turned back. "knew," said the sick boy's father, "the country people along the road would see we got through." Commenting on the incident a daily paper said editorially:

"We all get pretty fed up at times and the world seems to have little in it save fear and hate, with man's hand against his fellow-man and his best energies concentrated on devising devilish implements of destruction and perfecting the best technique for using them. The some little thing like the Middlesex snow

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# Present-Day Ideologies and Christian Ideals

## V. — IMPERIALISM

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

Democracy and Imperialism make strange bedfellows. Our rivals are not slow to point out the inconsistency. While we are going about all the day shouting democracy at the top of our voices, we sleep peacefully at night under the protection of the British Empire, which we boast to be the greatest power on earth, comprising three-fifths of the surface of the globe.

It is well for us to see ourselves as others see us, or even as others like to represent us, even if they choose the "devil's advocate" to plead their case. But we may fairly retort that, though there have been the two parallel movements of democracy and imperialism in our own past history, in the present day it is the nations of the rival ideologies that are going after imperialism. They may retort again on their part, that this is only natural; those who "have not" are naturally those who want to "have". A German or an Italian Empire has as much right to a place in the sun as a British Empire.

But the great lesson that we have learned from the empire which we have inherited is that Imperialism, in its full sense, is in the long run an unworkable ideology. The evolution of our British Empire has, in truth, landed us in a paradox. We live in an empire which is steadily de-imperialising itself. It is ceasing to be an empire, though the word is retained as a convenient term for our commonwealth of nations.

As for ourselves, we have made trial of full-blooded imperialism, and found it wanting. It is the dictatorships to whom imperialism is the present-day ideology. Our Empire, as we still use the title, has discovered the inconsistency between freedom and imperialism. We admit, with regret and shame, that the British Empire has been, to some extent, built up by aggressive warfare in the past. But, through the action of history, even if there be some pages which we should now like to tear out, we find ourselves a group of nations bound together in an empire of the spirit.

We take a noble pride in our British Empire. If it is mingled with shame over its own sins in the past, it is also inspired by the determination to turn past history to the benefit of all the people who, by whatsoever means, have been brought within its bounds.

But our pride of empire is not an imperial pride. Imperialism is a grand, stately word. Unlike Totalitarianism, and other words of the new "ideological" vocabulary, it falls pleasantly, even impressively, on the ear. It has a fine historical flavour. But it is not a Christian word. It has not the accent of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. At its best, the imperialism of the past, which has given our British Empire its present name, and such exercise of imperialism as we may still find necessary in the case of certain tribes of that great section of the human family for which we have inherited the responsibility, remains on the same plane as the Apostle assigned to the ancient Jewish law in the history of God's dealings with men. As the law was only the "tutor" to bring men to Christ, so imperialism is justified only to the extent that the imperial power leads its subject races on the way to freedom.

Only as it takes this path has Imperialism any link with Christianity. If pursued as an ideal in itself, it becomes, in spite of its high-sounding name, one of the baser "ideologies". The word does not need much change to be converted into "imperiousness"; and the overbearing, domineering spirit is the direct negation of the Christian ideal.

Our own experience, we may claim, is bringing us back to the Christian ideal. The ambition of one power to dominate others, the childish boast of any one country becoming "the greatest country in the world", is outworn even as a political doctrine or as a vulgar national slogan. The British Empire has still its mission to fulfil, and its work to do; but it is not a mission of conquest, or a work of imperious rule. As God's Providence has extended the bounds of our Empire across all the world, the solemn responsibility now rests upon it to hasten the universal brotherhood of man, which is the ideal of the Christian Gospel, and help to build Jerusalem in the whole green and pleasant earth.



Jesus only once wore the imperial purple. It was along with a crown of thorns; and He was marching onwards to the Cross. Upon that Cross, as His accepted throne, the Imperial Christ was to draw all men to Himself.



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### BOOK OF COMMON PRAISE

#### Annotated Edition

At the General Synod in 1937 Magistrate Jas. Edmund Jones was authorized to issue a special edition of the hymn book with notes. This work, the result of over forty years' study in hymnology, has now been published by The Oxford University Press (Price with postage, \$2.10). It includes the full text of the hymnal. The second half of the volume contains 433 pages of notes, historical, biographical, textual, explanatory, anecdotal and illustrative. Although it will be of interest to scholars of hymnody, it is designed primarily for the use of clergy and others in the preparation of addresses, and of teachers in Sunday Schools in interesting pupils in the words and teachings of hymns. Special attention is given to hymns for children and youth. For instance, in the note on "When mothers of Salem their children brought to Jesus" it is explained that "Salem" is a contraction for "Jerusalem".

The Primate has written a commendatory Foreword for the volume. The book is pocket-size, and bound in attractive dark blue cloth. It is on sale at the rooms of the General Board of Religious Education, 604 Jarvis Street, Toronto, and in bookstores.



### Diocese of Athabasca

Congratulations to Mr. C. G. Kehler, B.A., on the publication of the first issue of his Parish Magazine called "The Angelus". We have also received a copy of the Parish Magazine of Wembley Parish. These little publications are found to be very helpful and inspiring. They do not take the place of "the Peace Messenger", for "Peace Messenger" is Diocesan in character and not Parochial.

Word has also been received that the Parish of St. Paul's, Fort Chipewyan, has paid its Diocesan apportionment in full, though the cheque was received after the books closed. Well done, St. Paul's, and this is your Jubilee Year also.

Plans are now being drawn up for the erection of a church at Willowvale in the Parish of Spirit River. Two acres of land have been presented by a faithful member of our Church, and it is now being cleared. All the work on the new building is to be done by voluntary labour.

The Arts Club of Vancouver, formerly a Bible Class at St. Mark's Church, is presenting to the Mirror Landing Mission a fine RCA-Victor radio set. We are deeply indebted to these splendid young men in Vancouver for this very thoughtful and useful gift.

The Vestry of Christ Church, Grande Prairie, is now proceeding with the plans for the erection of the new church in that growing town. The new church will be consecrated this summer. This church is a gift of a kind and generous woman in the Home Land. We are deeply grateful to her.

A Congregational Meeting at the Rectory, St. Matthew's, Wembley, on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, was attended by a representative gathering. Incidentally, this is the first discoverable record of such a meeting for nearly fifteen years.

Congratulations to St. Luke's Church, Fort Vermilion, on their plans for the erection of a new Parish Hall. They have purchased an old Hudson's Bay Company building, will carefully demolish the structure and use the lumber for their Hall.

At Grassland Mission where a new church has been built, and a little church house, much work has been done during the winter by Miss Marjorie G. Barlee. The following organizations have been formed: Senior Branch of the W.A.; a Junior W.A.; and a Boys' Club.

The Junior W.A. meets every Friday afternoon at the Mission House immediately after school. These girls have manifested real enthusiasm for Missionary Work, and have taken up two pledges for Foreign Missions.

The Boys' Club of fourteen boys meets every Saturday morning for three hours. After a short Service, the room is quickly transformed into a workshop, and hammers, saws and planes become very evident. They make simple pieces of furniture, such as window-boxes, benches, etc. These articles of furniture will then be sold.

The mid-week Service for the children has been quite successful, and as many as thirty-eight children have been present. Then on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, the children come for religious instruction.



## Diocesan Payments on M.S.C.C. Apportionments

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## Bill Bright Talks

(Tract No. 2)

### WHAT DO YOU THINK OF JESUS?

Bill Bright and the Parson were getting to be closer friends. Often in the evenings the Parson would drop in for a chat. After his first attack on Bill about coming to Church nothing had happened. The Parson had shown Bill that he ought to give thanks to God for his happy little home, his wife and children, and that he ought to show it by praying each day and by going to Church (see Tract No. 1). Bill had started to pray, but he had not yet come to Church. He was shy of making the start, and he was not a man to alter his ways suddenly.

Perhaps it was a desire to play for time that made him say to the Parson one evening, "As I told you before, I believe in the moral teaching of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount and all that, but I cannot get the Church's idea of Him. To me He is the greatest of men that ever lived, but I don't go further than that."

The Parson was in no hurry to reply. He wanted Bill to have his say. After a few minutes he said, "The Sermon on the Mount is a wonderful thing, Bill, but most of it had been said by other teachers before. What made it so wonderful when Jesus said it was that He not only said it, but He lived it in His daily life. Here is a small copy of St. Matthew's Gospel. It has the Sermon on the Mount in it. I wish you would read the whole Gospel, Bill, so as to see that sermon in its true setting."

"I shall be interested to see what effect a reading of it will have on you. Read it quite quickly, like any other story. Then say to yourself, 'Who can this Jesus of Nazareth be? Is He just a character of fiction? Did some Jewish writer just make it all up? If so, how did he ever think of such a perfect character?' I think you will agree that it is a life portrait of a real person. In fact there are three other portraits of the same person (Mark, Luke and John). Is it a picture of a very good Jew? No more than that? The Jewish sort of goodness is

seen in the Pharisees, who kept the law, were honest, temperate, truthful, charitable, but somehow not very attractive characters for all that. There is a simplicity, a cheerfulness, a kindness about the goodness of Jesus that is like the dew of the morning in your garden, Bill. His goodness sparkles. You feel that it is worth trying to be good in order to be like Him. He was so attractive that hard-headed Jewish business men left their homes and jobs to follow Him. The common people just loved Him."

"I agree with a lot of that," said Bill, "but one thing puzzles me. If people were so attracted to Him, why did they kill Him?"

"That was jealousy, Bill. The common people of Galilee seem to have had little to do with it. The Pharisees saw that the people no longer admired them. They had enjoyed being looked up to and pointed out as very holy persons. When people saw the holiness of Jesus they saw what a poor, shoddy thing the holiness of the Pharisees was in comparison. In Jesus they saw, I believe, the true goodness of God Himself in human form. The Pharisees were determined to get rid of this rival."

"I rather think, Bill, that when you have read the Gospel with some of these things in mind you will answer the question, 'Who do I say this Son of Man is?' with the answer St. Peter gave, 'He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Later on you may come to the point where you, like St. Thomas, will fall down in worship and say of Jesus, 'My Lord and my God.'"

"That is the Church's idea of Jesus, Bill. He is so perfect, so beautiful in character that He can be none other than God Himself revealing Himself to mankind in human form. You see, Bill, there was nothing that went before to prepare us for such perfection. That is what makes the Gospel story so wonderful. It was not as though men had been getting better



and better until at last one reached perfection. Jesus is what we gardeners call a sudden 'sport', an unexpectedly lovely flower among a lot of dull ones. I believe He is God visiting and redeeming His people."

"Thanks," said Bill, "I will read that little Gospel, and then we can talk about it again."

*Editor's Note:* This article, one in a series on "Bill Bright Talks", is being published by the General Synod Committee on Evangelism and will be printed in envelope size suitable for your Tract Case or to be handed to your friends.

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### BOOK REVIEW

**Canadian Journey**, by H. P. Thompson, Editorial Secretary, S.P.G., published by S.P.C.K. . . . . 30 cents

The Church in Canada owes a tremendous debt to that Old Country missionary organization, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, usually known as S.P.G. For more than 100 years that Society has been supervising and generously assisting struggling and scattered congregations from one end of Canada to the other. For the last 50 years substantial assistance has been contributed annually to the missionary dioceses of Western Canada. Three years ago a conference was held in London between representatives of M.S.C.C. and S.P.G. with the result that it was decided to try to raise a capital sum of \$500,000, the interest on which would take the place of the annual grants now made by S.P.G. Three-fifths of this capital amount is to be raised in England and the balance in Canada. In order to secure up-to-date information regarding the needs of the Church in Canada that could be used in making an appeal in England, the Editorial Secretary of S.P.G., Mr. H. P. Thompson, was sent to Canada to make a general survey of those areas which were in need of external assistance. This little book **Canadian Journey** is Mr. Thompson's report of conditions as he saw them in the limited time at his disposal, and I wish to compliment him on the very attractive way in which he has presented his facts.

The first two chapters deal with conditions in Canada in a general way, and here, one of the opinions expressed is that Church people in Canada "give on a scale far higher than any parishes in England." I have heard so much about the "low grade" giving of Canadian Anglicans that I felt somewhat "bucked up" when I read that.

Mr. Thompson evidently spent considerable time on the prairies in order to acquire first hand information about the situation there. Here is one paragraph taken from what he has written:

"How empty the land is! On such a drive of 15 miles you would pass perhaps a dozen farms, and see another dozen in the offing; and of those twenty-four, some will be derelict and empty, some a huddle of wooden shacks, some a comfortable wood-built house with a big barn and a group of sheds. And every single farmer

even in the big well-planned homesteads will be on relief." Up in the Peace River country he tells of meeting two families who had left their farms in Saskatchewan and were making their way farther north travelling with their children and their furniture packed as well as might be, in rough farm wagons. After what he saw of the work done by the Sunday School by Post he expresses the opinion that it is the best of all methods devised to meet the difficulties of the prairies and the frontiers.

After the prairies Mr. Thompson seems to have made a very complete survey of the coal, gold and oil mining areas and then to have gone north to Aklavik where he took part in a Service in All Saints' Church on Rat Sunday. This Sunday corresponds to our Harvest Home Service, when the Indians and Esquimaux bring in offerings of muskrat skins which are received and placed on the altar.

In conclusion, I would recommend every incumbent in Canada to order a copy of this little book and pass on to his congregation a summary of the facts therein contained.—J. M. S.



### Diocese of Calgary

During Lent Mid-day Services at the Pro-Cathedral were carried on, as usual. The preachers this year were the Bishop of Calgary, the Primate, Rev. G. R. Calvert of St. Matthew's, Winnipeg; Rev. A. M. Trendwell of St. Mary's Vancouver, and the Bishop of Athabasca. There were good attendances, especially for the Primate, who as an Old Boy of the city was obviously happy in recalling those days when Calgary was quite young and unimproved! All Lenten preachers also carried out heavy programmes of addresses in various churches.

The Madras Team, Miss Illa Sircar, Dr. Hsu and Dr. Camargo, were in the city for part of Sunday and Monday, March 19th, addressing very large and interested gatherings. At the Mass Meeting in Central United Church, Archdeacon Swanson who is Chairman of the Madras Committee was in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Calgary, Rev. E. Melville Aitken of Central United, Dr. G. H. Kerby of Mount Royal College, and Mr. E. S. Frost the Treasurer. Addresses were given by Dr. Hsu on China and Dr. Leslie Moss the General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, who gave a most statesmanlike address on Madras and its challenge. In the evening at Knox Church, Miss Sircar, Dr. Hsu and Dr. Camargo spoke to a united group of Young People of the city. On Monday morning, Miss Sircar, whose charming personality won all hearts, addressed the students of Mount Royal College at Chapel, and then, with Dr. Camargo, spoke to a ministers' meeting. It was a great experience to hear of the viewpoint of modern India on Christian call to Church Unity. In the noon hour Miss Sircar was the guest of a women's gathering of presidents and officers of Women's Missionary Societies and Auxiliaries, later going to St. Hilda's School and on to a great women's meeting in the Baptist Church.

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# M. S. C. C.

## PART OF A REPORT FROM CHINA

Kaifeng, Feb. 1st, 1939.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

First, I wish to say that I am deeply grateful to the M.S.C.C. for the privilege of remaining in Honan for the past two years. It has been a great experience to have had a share in this work during this very difficult time. Not that I have done so much but I do feel that there has been a very real place for my services in the background and I thank God for it.

In December 1937 the Protestant Churches of the city united to do something for people fleeing from war-torn districts, who were daily by the hundreds, passing through this city. A straw mat shed was erected at the railway station. Good clean straw was spread on the ground for them to rest on, and plenty of hot water provided. Here these poor transients found fairly comfortable shelter for the short time they remained. Not only was material help afforded but the comfort of the Gospel was given to them also.

Along about February, owing to severe fighting in Shangtung and the transport of wounded soldiers over the Lung Hai railway line, it was found that we could render service in a new way. Our days and nights were subject to calls to come to the R.R. station to help dress the wounded who were passing through en route to the base hospitals. As air-raids grew more frequent, this became altogether night work, and several times day was ushered in before the dressings were finished. If the siren sounded warning the approach of bombers, as it sometimes did, the trains of wounded pulled out of the station, because the station was usually a target for bombs. The helpers boarded a train, that the Governor had in readiness for them, and going out to the country, alighted and went into the open fields.

Miss Watts has written about the work of the International Relief Committee which was organized almost directly after Bishop Tsen's return from Canada. He was greatly missed when he had to lay aside for several weeks, suffering with pneumonia. However, the Committee was well launched, and had made excellent plans, following Divine guidance, for the days when Kaifeng populace might need its help.

The time came sooner than we expected. Things began to get very tense.

The alien army was drawing nearer. Our Refugee camps were opened. The applicants for entry had already received tickets and upon presentation of these tickets were admitted. All luggage was carefully scrutinized before being allowed in the camps. Women, children and elderly men were eligible for entrance. Soon our gates were crowded with people seeking admittance who had not previously obtained tickets and it kept the gatekeepers busy handling the rush. All who could be taken in were admitted, and we spent some very busy days

guarding our gates and walls and, inside, coping with the new condition of having such a large family to look after.

In Camp No. 2 of which I was head, we had almost 2,500 people and in Camp No. 3 housed in St. Mary's School there was a similar number. Miss Searle was head of this camp, with Mr. Tseng as her able assistant; while in camp housed in St. Andrew's I had an efficient helper in the person of the dean, Mr. Oliver Wang.

The story of the camp life is a story by itself. We held ourselves in readiness for anything that might happen. If members of the troops of occupancy knocked at our doors we, the foreigners, were called to meet them. One night calls varied from danger of fires in the vicinity of the camps, or Japanese soldiers off duty scaling our walls, to pacifying a crazy woman who was making the night hideous to other members of the camp by her eerie cries.

There is another side to our camp life which we look back to with thanksgiving and that was the opportunity to give the Gospel message daily to these people. There were also classes of special teaching for the younger women and any older ones who cared to attend. The result has been that now we have a large number of enquirers in our churches preparing for baptism. A number of these who have been under constant instruction have already been baptized.

Since the closing of the camps early in September, the regular attendance at our morning Services in our South Suburb Church has been so large that we have to hold overflow meetings. Often the overflow is more than in the church, although that is seated to capacity.

Of course, with such great opportunities our work has greatly grown. Most of my service has been rendered in the Church of Holy Truth in the South Suburb. I am in charge of the women's work and am also President of the Women's Missionary Service League. Through this League we carry out four kinds of activity, namely: evangelism, aiming at conducting services in the women's homes when neighbours are invited in to hear the good news; study classes for illiterates and also Bible study classes; sewing and handwork for raising funds, and once a month an open meeting when we make reports on the month's work. The women are interested and learn to think about others outside of themselves, their own community and their own country. We greatly feel the need of more and better equipped Bible women as the present opportunities are so great.

At present the city is filling up with refugees from flood-stricken and bandit-infested areas. Some of them appear to be of a very fine type of country people, from good homes who have never had to face such privations before. They are very approachable and appreciate the sympathy and help of the Christians.

Sincerely yours,

F. M. SIMMONS.





## MAY

1. **St. Philip and St. James, Apostles and Martyrs.**
2. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Doctor, 373.
6. St. John, Evangelist, Ante Portam Latinam.
7. **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.**
9. Gregory Nazianzen, Doctor, Circa 390.
14. **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Rogation Sunday.**
15. Rogation Day.
16. Rogation Day.
17. Rogation Day.
18. **ASCENSION DAY.**
19. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988.
21. **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.**
26. Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury, 605.
27. Venerable Bede, Presbyter, 735.
28. **WHITSUNDAY.**
29. **Monday in Whitsun Week.**
30. **Tuesday in Whitsun Week.**
31. Ember Day.

## DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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Undoubtedly the Madras gatherings were the biggest things of the kind that have been seen here for many a long day, and a great deal of interest has been aroused or deepened. On the Sunday night, all speakers preached in various churches, each going to two. In fact, Dr. Hsu woefully complained that as an Oriental he couldn't keep up with our western demands, for he addressed five gatherings between 4 and 10 p.m., including a visit to the Chinese Mission! Little Miss Sircar seemed quite indefatigable, speaking brightly and happily and with great intensity at meeting after meeting. Dr. Camargo from Mexico City had a different background of work from the others, but spoke with fire and some vehemence about the Church, its function and faith, and related it to the peculiar problems of Mexico. We were fortunate in having Dr. Moss with us with the team. His addresses at the Mass Meeting and in Knox Church were fine contributions, reminding more than one present of Dr. J. R. Mott. Well, Madras has come and gone . . . but its challenge and message remain.



## Comments Original and Otherwise

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shovelling affair happens and we get straightened out again with compasses all readjusted. Not only did these young fellows save a life—

we are sure they must have—but they have helped to restore faith in the innate decency of human nature.”

In the March issue of the Messenger I supplied a statement showing the percentage paid on M.S.C.C. apportionment by the older dioceses. By mistake Brandon was included. I apologize. That diocese is still quite youthful.

In this connection attention should also be called to the fact that the Diocese of Calgary and the Arctic paid 100 per cent. The full list is printed this month.

## CANADA AND THE EMPIRE

The leaders of the two political parties in the Federal House of Commons, in making their statements about Canada's responsibility in the case of war, talked a lot about neutrality and conscription.

I have just one comment to make about that. If war does come (which God forbid) and the safety of the Empire is imperilled, the question of neutrality and of conscription will be settled not by political leaders, **but by the general voice of loyal Canadians.** The future of Canada is bound up with the Old Country, and we must swim or sink together.

## QUITE A NEW IDEA

In England there is an organization known as the Church Assembly which is made up of Bishops, Clergy and Laity, and which meets twice a year. Recently the suggestion was made by a Church paper that one of these two meetings should be devoted to renewing the spiritual life of the members. With a view to testing the proposal, this paper invited a number of members of the Assembly to comment on the suggestion. Many replies were received, some favourable, others critical. Here is one from a layman.

“I agree cordially with your suggestion. As a member of the Assembly since its beginning in 1920, I cannot help reflecting with regret how much we have been occupied with serving tables and how little we have encouraged each other in spiritual fellowship. May I make a suggestion supplementary to your own? Why should not the whole Assembly, on some evening of the Summer Session, adjourn to Hyde Park for a united testimony meeting in the open air. To see the whole Assembly gathered around chosen speakers at the Marble Arch would be a memorable and effective act of witness. And how such a “News Team” would rejoice the heart of Prebendary Carlile!”

## THEY WHO PASS

“Ships that pass in the night and speak to each other in passing” name the country under whose flag they are sailing, their port of departure and their destination. It is unfortunate that we, who sail under the flag of the Kingdom of God, so seldom hail each other as we pass in the course of our daily travel. It is sad that when strangers speak to us, we are so often hesitant to name our country, ashamed to tell our home port and our destination.

So writes Churchmouse in *The Witness*.





## One Communion and Fellowship

May

The noble army of martyrs  
praise Thee.

—*Te Deum.*

"A noble army—men and boys,  
The matron and the maid;

Around the throne of God rejoice,  
In robes of light arrayed.

They climbed the steep ascent of heaven  
Through peril, toil, and pain.

O Lord, to us may grace be given  
To follow in their train."

—*Bishop Heber.*

May, month of spring flowers and summer sunshine. Also to us British it has the gilding of our King's crown, for two years ago throughout the Empire we rang our bells for our King's coronation and every year May brings the 24th, our Empire Day. In this month of flowers the Church has put the days of six of her lesser saints. Two of them are doctors of the Greek Church and one of them was a Latin. We should say English, for St. Bede the Venerable had the title of Doctor or Church Father, and he is of our Church. But these were spoken of on this page in 1937 so we shall now go on to tell of the others on our calendar: St. John of the Latin Gate, St. Dunstan, St. Augustine of Kent.

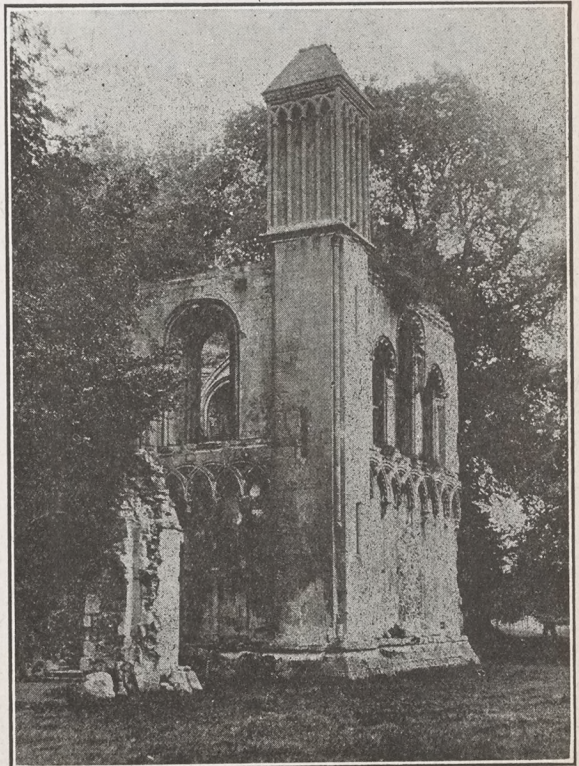
December 27th is the day kept in memory of St. John, the Evangelist and the beloved of our Lord. Why then is he linked with the Latin Gate, Portam Latinam, of Rome? Tertullian, the great writer of the second century, wrote of the new glory that had come to Rome. Already in the first persecution she had had the honour of the two great Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, dying within her bounds, and now in the second persecution she was the scene of the great miracle upon St. John.

The aged Bishop of the seven churches of Asia Minor had escaped the first persecution, to be arrested by the tyrant Domitian, and in an open space by the Latin Gate he was to die, cast into a cauldron of boiling oil, "butchered to make a Roman holiday". The oil was accordingly prepared and the gentle aged Bishop cast therein, but instead of the frightful dying the crowd had come to see, they saw John walk across the cauldron where the executioners hastily gave him their hands to step out. On this man fiery death had no power, for he might have been stepping from a bath. Indeed, men said that, whereas they had cast an old man into the boiling oil, the man who

came out was a youth; wrinkles and senile weakness had disappeared. They were afraid of him. He must be more than man. Domitian did not again attempt his murder; instead, he was sent to the mines of Patmos where he saw his wonderful vision of Revelation. After Domitian's death when the persecution ended, he returned to Ephesus where he lived out the rest of his years in peace.

As for the miracle, if we admit that God is almighty, then He could quench the violence of fire, turning the boiling oil into a refreshing bath. Certainly, you will say, but did He? Does He make such changes? We believe He can change the nature of a man, making the vile clean or the drunkard sober and self-controlled, and surely the taking of its sting from fire is a smaller thing. But it is impossible to explain miracles. That God works some we all admit, the leaping from death into life of spring; the miracle of birth, and of conversion. So we might as well take also such stories as this of Tertullian's about St. John at the Latin Gate, and thank God who keepeth His own even when sometimes He may bend aside what we call the "unchanging laws of nature". Is not God greater than nature which He has created?

St. Dunstan is one of our English saints. Born in the days of the seven kingdoms of the Anglo-Saxons, he was educated at Glastonbury, then



*Glastonbury as it is today.*



the head and heart of the old Keltic or British Church, founded in the first half of the first century probably by Joseph of Arimathea. Dean Stanley described it as one that never persecuted a heretic or sent out a missionary. It controlled the life and imagination of the Keltic, multiplied the saints, indifferent that the legends chanted or told were puerile things.

The coming of Rome to England in Dunstan's time helped our own Church much. We owe to Rome keen thinking and logic that saved the Keltic Church which was becoming hopelessly adrift in a maze of superstition. She helped our Church to become a strong managing body, but besides her wild poetry of legend the Keltic Church had a spiritual insight which Rome, intent on material good, never achieved. Dunstan, however, was no Keltic saint. His great aim in life was to learn. Knowing that the suppressed Druids were said to meet at midnight in the woods to practise magic, he boldly went out alone. He certainly learned from them great skill in playing. His enemies accused him of knowing bard magic, but it was as a harper that he was called to court, beautiful in face and form, with almost magical skill in playing. He soon became a favourite, especially among the court ladies, for whom he would draw embroidery patterns. This aroused much jealousy and some young men caught him, thrashed and ducked him.

Dunstan left court at once, returning to Glastonbury, where he soon became a monk and, while still young, was elected abbot. He made a good one, but his election does not reflect much credit on the managing talents of the Keltic Church. Sent for again by court, he now

gave his powers to a study of early Saxon politics, becoming one of the first of those great ecclesiastical statesmen who made the Rome of the Middle Ages a political power, climaxed in



*Augustine meeting with Ethelbert.*

Wolsley and Richard. Charlemagne was the first to see how the Church could aid kings using brains in an age which had worshipped muscle.

Dunstan was practically prime minister to the kings of his period and he certainly ruled well, being drawn towards the Church of Rome, where he was elected Archbishop of Canterbury. There are many legends of Dunstan, most telling of the devil claiming a right over him because of a bargain made by him, but always Dunstan outwits the fiend and escapes. A clever man, he died in oil. He served his country well, but lacked the saintliness of some others.

Augustine of Kent was born in Rome, where he became prior of a monastery from which he was called to lead a mission to Saxon England. The Keltic Church had not seen its duty to preach the Gospel to these people. Gregory had been attracted by the fair-haired beauty of some Anglo-Saxon children exposed for sale in the slave market. "Angles," he exclaimed, when told their nationality. "Give them the grace of God and call them not Angles but Angels." Hence his interest in Saxon England. Kent was ruled by the Saxon Ethelbert. He had married the Christian Albertha who worshipped in the old church of St. Martin's, Canterbury, so there St. Augustine was sent by the Pope, arriving on Christmas of that year. Ethelbert was baptized, the bulk of his people following him in the spring.

Augustine also cleansed and reconsecrated the present cathedral. He founded Rome firmly in England, and truly our Church owes much to him. He brought in the orderliness and rules of the Roman model to supplement and consolidate the Keltic zeal and our present Church is founded on a fusion of the two types.

The Kelt had sailed on Glastonbury Mere, dreaming of Christ who was there in His boyhood. Rome saw that the mere could be drained

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*Canterbury Cathedral.*



## One Hundred Years Ago

**Nova Scotia.** The visit of the Bishop of Nova Scotia to this country has enabled the Society to confer with him on the question of the Church and School lands, which hitherto have been considered as belonging to the Church of England. Now it is contended that all the School lands (except those occupied by the Schoolmasters of the S.P.G.) may be applied for purposes of general education. Bills have been brought into the provincial legislature founded upon this assumption. The Society have respectfully remonstrated against this proceeding. . . . It is presumed that the Clergy Lands and Church Lands will be the next object of attack. (S.P.G. Report, 1839.)

**New Brunswick:** Archdeacon Coster reports most favourably of the progress and popularity of the Church Society formed for promoting the Society's objects in that Colony. Anxiety is expressed for the appointment of a travelling missionary and £400 is available for the purpose.

**Westfield, N.B.,** was burned to the ground on the night when St. Luke's Church (St. John) was opened. The Rev. Christopher Milner, its active clergyman, has met with great success in rebuilding it.

In **Richbucto** and **Welford** two parish churches are in progress. The frame of both is up. Mr. H. Jarvis is anxious to get on with them.

At **Isle Verte** in the Mission of Amherst, N.S., the people are zealously engaged in building a church. At **Jackson Town**, not far from Woodstock, the Rev. S. D. L. Street has a similar work in hand. The parish church at **Dorchester**, in the mission of the Rev. John Black of Sackville, is advancing satisfactorily. A new chapel has been erected at **New Maryland**, within parish of Fredericton but 5 or 6 miles distant, by my assistant, Mr. Stirling, and completed. (Signed) George Coster, Archdeacon of New Brunswick, To the Secretary, S.P.G., dated Fredericton, 2 April 1839. (S.P.G. Report, 1839.)

**Ireland, L.C.:** Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Assistant Secretary, S.P.G., to Bishop of Montreal. London, Trafalgar Square, 15 May 1839. Acknowledging receipt of his report on "The State Church" to Lord Durham and approving of his plan of ordaining suitable men to the ministry in order to meet the needs of his diocese. At the same time we are doing what we can to add to the number of your clergy.

**Mr. Richard Lonsdell** (of Trinity College, Dublin) will sail for Canada. He is married to a very superior woman. (He was afterwards appointed to **Kingsey, L.C.**) A 2nd missionary appointed is Rev. Richard Anderson, an Irishman, with zeal and devotedness, of simple habits and good principles. (He was afterwards appointed to Upper Ireland, Megantic Co., L.C. He sailed for Canada, July 1839.) S.P.G. Letters.

**Sorel:** An Instrument appointing the Rev. William Anderson to the Rectory and Parish Church of William Henry in the District of Montreal (Vice the Rev. John Jackson, deceased) was sent to the Right Rev. Geo. J. Mountain by Sir J. Colborne, Gov.-General of H.M. Provinces of North America and Gov.-in-

Chief of L.C. and U.C., acting in the name of H.M. Queen Victoria, the true and undoubted Patron of the said Rectory on 14 May 1839. (Public Archives, Letters Patent, Vol. 16.)

**Newcastle Statistics:** Of a total population of the District (excepting Fenelon, Harvey, Verulam and Alnwick townships) amounting to 36,000, there are 10,700 members of the Church of England, 9,000 Presbyterians, 6,600 Methodists and 4,500 Roman Catholics. In the Johnstown district there were 10,300 members of the Church of England, 5,600 Presbyterians and 6,000 Methodists. In the Eastern districts there were 11,000 Presbyterians and 4,200 Church of England members.

**Adolphustown, U.C.:** The Rev. Job Deacon performs Services in two churches; one at the above place, the other at Fredericksburg and also at Marysburgh on the opposite side of the Bay of Quinte where the Catechist is Mr. S. Fry and where a church is being erected and where another church has been completed.

**Chippewa, Stamford, Thorold:** The Rev. W. Leeming holds Services in two churches and the Rev. Mr. Miller in the church at Chippewa which is a neat Gothic structure. Sir Peregrine Maitland, by his instrumentality, erected the church at Stamford. ("The Church", 1839.)

**Manitoulin, U.C.:** The Rev. Chas. C. Brough, Manitoulin, to the Archdeacon of York. Reports on the progress of his mission, the difficulties with the Roman Catholics, the need of an interpreter, etc. May 14, 1839. (Strachan Papers)

**Dr. Strachan Appointed Bishop:** A rumour is prevalent that H.M. Government will divide the Diocese of Quebec and create Upper Canada into a separate Diocese offering its episcopal supervision to the Archdeacon of York. The acceptance of this high office by Dr. Strachan will be attended with large pecuniary sacrifices and vast addition to his toil unless some change is made in the present arrangements. ("The Church" of May 25th.) On June 5th, 1839, Dr. Strachan left Toronto for England, via New York.

Rev. A. N. Bethune, Cobourg, writing to the Archdeacon of York, congratulates him on his appointment as Bishop. Comments on the objections of the laity in many places to the petitions and suggests an agreement with the Moderators of the Kirk of Scotland that there should be no public appeal. Sends some further subscriptions from his district. May 16, 1839.

Letter, Mrs. Lucy Brock, Three Rivers, to the Archdeacon of York, congratulating him on his appointment as Bishop of Upper Canada. May 23, 1839. (Strachan Papers.)

**Sault Ste. Marie:** 7th annual report of the Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians and Propagating the Gospel among the Destitute Settlers of Upper Canada was presented to the meeting held in Toronto, 13th March, 1839.

Nearly five years have elapsed since the Rev. Mr. McMurray first entered upon the duties of his mission, and we have reason to thank God for the manifest measure of success which has



blessed his exertions. This appears from the contrast between the former and the present course of life among the Indians. Instead of beholding them wallowing in the mire of intoxication, in rags and perishing with hunger, they are found orderly in their conduct, decently clothed, and attentive to their Christian duties. They have been regular in their attendance on the Services of the Church, and if the baptisms have not been so numerous during the last year, it has arisen from the circumstance that the greater number of natives in the neighbourhood of Sault Ste. Marie had already joined the Church, so that new admissions were less frequent. It is pleasing to remark that during a necessary absence of the missionary they continued perfectly sober, and held religious worship among themselves, thus giving a satisfactory test of the sincerity of their religious profession, and of the value of a resident missionary among the aborigines of the country. It is much to be regretted that Government has seen fit to withdraw the schoolmaster from the field of Mr. McMurray's labours, but it is hoped that the withdrawal is only temporary, and that a person so essential to the success of the mission will soon be restored. Indeed your Committee have some reason to expect that the Provincial Government will shortly take active steps towards the improvement of the Indians, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view.

**Rev. Wm. McMurray:** Your Committee, deeply sensible of the valuable services of Mr. McMurray, in which he has been assisted by Mrs. McMurray, who is perfect in the language of the Indians, and well versed in their manners and customs, regret to announce his resignation. This step he has been obliged to take from the weak and precarious state of Mrs. McMurray's health, who has suffered very much during the last two years, and for whom a change of air and residence has been recommended. It is exceedingly difficult to replace an Indian missionary, his successor cannot for years have his experience or knowledge of the language or habits of the natives, it is therefore a loss of no ordinary nature, and which it will be out of the power of the Society fully to supply. At the same time the cause is much to be lamented, and the cordial thanks of the Society are due to Mr. McMurray for his unwearied exertions, and their best endeavours to place him in a situation more congenial to the health of his family, and where his labours may still be usefully employed for the benefit of the Church.

**Winnipeg:** The Committee of the Church Missionary Society, London, having heard from the Chief of the Indians of the need of more missionaries on the Red River decided that it could not remain insensible to an appeal from such a quarter. The Rev. John Smithurst, a student at the Institution, Islington, was admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Lord Bishop of London, at Christmas 1838, and was appointed to Red River on June 1st, 1839. He embarked at Gravesend in the "Prince Rupert", Capt. Heard, and sailed the following day. He reached York Fort on August 15th, 1839. (C.M.S. Journal.)

## Diocese of Montreal

The Consecration of Dr. Arthur Carlisle as Bishop of Montreal took place on St. Mark's Day, the Metropolitan of the Province, Archbishop MacKinley, officiating. The enthronement in the Cathedral was performed on the afternoon of the same day.

On the day following the Consecration the regular annual session of the Synod of the diocese was begun.

The Clergy of the diocese presented Bishop Carlisle with a Pectoral Cross, while the Cathedral congregation gave a complete set of robes.

While Montreal was without a Bishop, Confirmations were taken by Bishop Farthing, Bishop Lennox Williams and Bishop Carrington of Quebec.

Canon Abbott-Smith is retiring as Principal of the Diocesan College, at the end of the present session.

Canon Raven of Ely Cathedral, England, addressed two meetings on the subject of World Peace.

A chapel in memory of Canon Sanders has been set apart in St. Edward's Church, Montreal.

## Diocese of Edmonton

The Silver Jubilee meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese was held in Edmonton on March 15th, 16th and 17th. The Rt. Rev. G. A. Wells, Bishop of Cariboo, kindly came from Kamloops to preach to the W.A. on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee. A handsome booklet covering the history of the W.A. for the past 25 years was published and on sale at the Conference.

Over 300 delegates attended the Services and the meetings, and the interest was well sustained to the close of the Conference. Various speakers addressed the meetings, including the Bishop of the Diocese, who spoke of the present position of the Diocese and the needs of the missionary work to be undertaken in the districts still without ministrations.

Bishop Wells and Miss Grace Gibberd, a missionary from China, gave most interesting addresses to the Conference at a mass Missionary meeting held on the evening of March 18th. This mass meeting was splendidly attended, every chair in All Saints' Hall being filled. Miss Gibberd, who is a former member of the Diocese, gave a most inspiring address upon the work in Honan.

Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain was elected Diocesan President of the W.A. for the coming year. She has had many years of experience in W.A. work and will uphold the traditions of the Diocese. Mrs. Cecil Sutherland was elected as first Vice-President and Mrs. H. B. Collins as Corresponding Secretary.

## ONE COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP

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for rich farm land and Europe was demanding wheat, so wheat was grown and money and prosperity came to Somerset with civilization, for which they rightly thanked God and St. Augustine. Then was planned Glastonbury Cathedral, long the glory of the West Country.



# The Boast and Blessing of the Canadian Church

By Rev. R. C. Good

Charles James, fifth son of John, Earl of Galloway, was born on April 13, 1775. It was the year of the outbreak of the American Revolution. The lad was reared in a home where all possible comfort and luxury were everywhere in evidence. He was educated by private tutors and surrounded by care and solicitude. When he was properly qualified he went up to Oxford and in due time took his degree. He studied for the Church, was ordained and acted as rector of a Huntingdonshire parish. He had previously been a Fellow at All Souls' College.

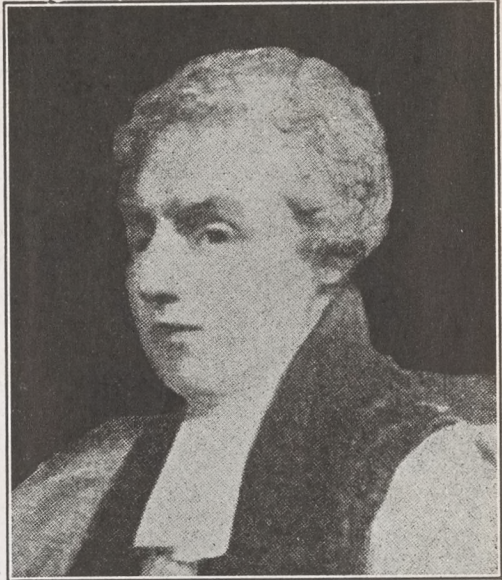
In spite of apparent success and favourable progress the young Mr. Stewart was not satisfied and felt that he was called upon to offer for service in foreign parts (i.e. in other parts of the Empire), especially for some post that few or no other man would offer to fill. At first he seriously considered work in India, but later hearing of the need in Canada he volunteered to come to this country and in 1807 arrived at Quebec.

Just a few years before this the Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Jacob Mountain, had tried to get money to start a mission among a large number of English-speaking people who had settled around Missisquoi Bay. The S.P.G. had responded and guaranteed £50 and the government had added £100 per annum. A man had been sent to St. Armand, a spot about seventy miles east of Quebec, to begin work but had met with very little success. Realizing that he was not doing the work as it should be done he asked to be moved and it was just at this moment that Charles James Stewart arrived on the scene. The Bishop appointed him to St. Armand.

When the new missionary arrived at his post he found no church, no house for himself, no school, and, it should be added, little thought for him, the church, or God Himself. The settlement was made up largely of those who had moved in from nearby states and for some reason they cherished a strong dislike of everything English, including the Church of England.

It so happened that Mr. Stewart reached his new mission on a Saturday. There was no preparation made for his arrival. There was no place ready for him to hold a Service. Seeking the landlord of the little inn, Stewart engaged the large room of that place for the next day. Later when the owner found out the purpose for which the room was to be used he tried to dissuade the parson from using it for a Service. He warned him that no one would come and in addition that there might be trouble if he persisted in trying to hold Services. The reply was typical of the man—"Then here is the place of duty for me."

For ten years Mr. Stewart remained at St. Armand. In a month he had persuaded one of the settlers to allow him to hold Services in his home. Within a year he had built a small church and, most remarkable of all, within that same year he had sixty persons ready to be



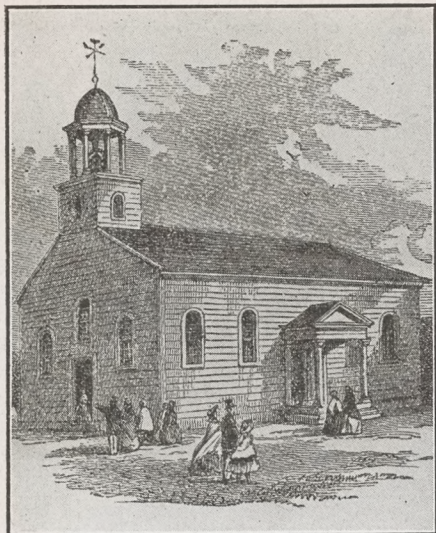
*Bishop Charles Stewart, Second Bishop of Quebec*

presented to the bishop for Confirmation.

While he continued to work at St. Armand, this son, brother and nephew of successive Earls of Galloway lived in a single room of a farm-house, boarding with a farmer's family in an atmosphere as different as possible from that to which he had been accustomed. It is small wonder that his successor (the second Bishop Mountain) referred to him in the words of the title of this article as "the boast and blessing of the Canadian Church".

In 1817 the missionary returned to England in order to raise money for the work in Canada. It was on this trip that the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by his old University. It is inspiring to think of the personal habits of this great man. Asceticism was not thought of as a necessary virtue among the clergy of his day, yet we find him practising strict asceticism. The most remarkable thing was that he likely did not consider he was doing so. It is a matter of common knowledge that there were few luxuries of any kind in farm-houses in Canada at that time, but none, even of these simple luxuries, were ever found around him. He observed the fasts of the church with extreme care. On Friday his only meal was a single dish of potatoes. Even after he became bishop he never altered his manner of living. It has been left on record by more than one person meeting him in his home for the first time that his surroundings were of the most simple and ordinary kind. All of his own large private income was spent in the work of the





*Holy Trinity Church, Frelighsburg, St. Armand East, erected by the Rev. C. J. Stewart in 1809, the first to be erected in the Eastern Townships.*

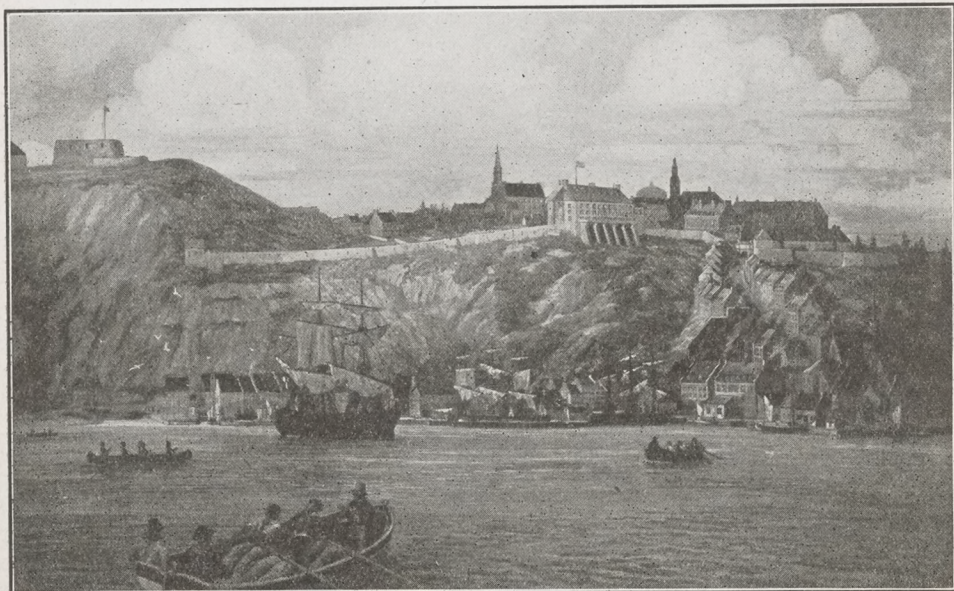
Church and no good cause was ever without some support from him, either personal or financial, and usually both.

Returning to Canada in 1817 Dr. Stewart asked for a more difficult post and was sent to Hatley about fifty miles east of St. Armand. Here he remained for a time till he was "promoted" to be travelling missionary for Upper

Canada. Just after this appointment in 1817 Hannah More, writing to Daniel Wilson (later Bishop of Calcutta), says of Dr. Stewart: "I have had a visit from my valued friend Dr. Stewart from Canada. It was pleasant to hear a man of his birth speak of it as a **great advancement** that he was now appointed a travelling missionary, instead of a local one. I find him much improved in spirituality. He has been the honoured instrument since we last met of causing twenty-four churches to be built."

As travelling missionary Dr. Stewart visited the remotest parts of the province and worked constantly among the Indians and scattered settlers in order to bring them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and His love.

In June, 1825, Bishop Mountain died and Dr. Stewart was chosen as his successor as Bishop of Quebec. He was consecrated at Lambeth on January 1, 1826. At once he began another tour through the upper part of the province. On his way he confirmed 205 persons at Quebec and at Montreal the number was 286. In Upper Canada he confirmed more than 400 and this was the first Confirmation Service held for six years in any town in Canada outside of Quebec itself. Year after year the bishop carried on his journeys through all his vast diocese. He was the first bishop ever to visit the Gaspé coast. He never spared himself but thought only of how much service he might be to those who needed him so badly. During his whole life he was bent on some mission of mercy, especially to the sick and sorrowing. He had no great gifts, as we today would judge and estimate greatness, but he had a burning passion for souls and a feverish desire to make the Gospel message known from one end of this country to the other.



*Quebec City in 1810.*



In 1836 Bishop Stewart found that his health was failing and he went home to England in an attempt to regain his strength. It was a vain hope for in the following year he died, never having returned to Canada. We cannot find more fitting words to sum up his life than those of Alan Fairford writing in the press at the time of the Bishop's death: "Every society tending to relieve the distressed, to reform the wicked, to propagate the Gospel or to benefit mankind, received his steady and benevolent aid, and like Bernard Gilpin, he has raised from a lowly state more than one young person in whom he has perceived the germ of a spiritual nature, and the promise of a fitness for the ministerial office, defraying the expenses of their education, and sending them forth to labour in the sacred vineyard. His private charities flow in a wide and never failing current. No vain pomp, no superfluous luxuries, no costly furniture, no extravagant banquets exhaust his income, but on the widow and the orphan, and the fatherless, and on the wretched, his bounty silently and unceasingly descends. His luxuries are alms-deeds—his walks are to the houses of mourning, and his banquets are those exquisite and incorruptible viands, which a pure and Nathaniel-like (John 1: 47) life administers to him who leads it, and to those who come within the sphere of its action."

(For any who desire to study further the life of this great man there is a series of articles which were published recently in the *Canadian Churchman* under the title "I Walk with a Bishop". These articles were written by Canon Heeney and I believe at the moment he is preparing them to be published in book form.)



### Maritime Notes

Credit Unions for helping farmers save money by conducting their own saving banks on a co-operative basis have been actively supported by two priests of New Brunswick at Newcastle and Campobello.

Christian education is one of the purposes for which the Church of England Institute of Fredericton Diocese exists, and in order to carry out this purpose the Institute invited a Jewish Rabbi to speak of the danger to Jew and Christian caused by dictatorial form of government; a former Moderator of the local United Church to speak on foreign missions and priests of the diocese to lecture on divine healing, proofs of Christianity and religious films in their relation to the Church. It was the newly-elected president (Rev. W. C. V. Martin of St. Mary's Church, St. John) that discussed this subject.

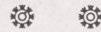
Archbishop Hackenley has instructed the priests of his diocese in the technique of spiritual revival by means of ten "messages" sent by mail to each and containing detailed advice on how to prepare for the holding of a parochial mission and how to reap the benefits of such an effort afterwards. Two "messages" deal with the holding of a parochial convention and outline the aim of such an effort. Other "messages"

speak of the need of retreats for priests and the aftermath of such retreats. Others are occupied with the music of Mission Services and prayer that should accompany both Mission and Conventions.

The Dean of the Cathedral called together the laymen and outlined to them the plan which the Archbishop had proposed should be put into effect for deepening of the spiritual life and which he has designated as his "Venture of Faith". To make the plan successful laymen have their important part to play.

The Salvation Army gratefully accepted the hospitality offered to them by St. Paul's Church, Halifax, when their "Citadel" was temporarily closed, and transferred their meetings to the Parish Hall.

The Sesquicentennial dates have been set for King's College on August 22nd to 24th. The authorities have invited Kingsmen to gather with their wives and friends at the Alma Mater, for a joyful celebration of its 150th birthday.



### Diocese of Quebec

At a luncheon held in Windsor Hotel, Montreal, Bishop Carrington made a notable contribution to the furtherance of the cause of public education among the non-Roman Catholic population by addressing a great gathering of teachers and parents on the subject of educational reform. The Bishop warmly defended the proposals for raising the educational standards of the English schools recently put forward by the Education Survey Committee of which he was a member. The Church of England is the sole patron of communities scattered far and wide over the province where illiteracy is not infrequently encountered, and where literacy, even in the schools, is not of a high order. The Bishop, who feels strongly that this condition ought not to be allowed to continue, called upon the educational authorities to put into effect the proposed reforms, one of which necessitates the resignation of the present Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction in order that the Committee be reconstituted on educational and non-political lines.

It is not only the illiteracy of scattered English settlers but also their health that interests the Bishop, and in order to improve living conditions on the Gaspé Coast the Bishop and Mrs. Carrington secured the services of a trained nurse to establish a medical centre in a large parish that was devoid of all such services. The Government has recently recognized the value of this particular nursing station by increasing its annual grant towards the maintenance fund.

The Youth of the Diocese will again gather at North Hatley, July 3rd to 7th, for a summer conference beside the lovely lake, with the Bishop, the Dean and Professor Scott as lecturers. Priests in attendance will be privileged to hear the Rev. Stanley Walker, Principal of King's College, who will take the place of the Rev. John Lowe, Dean-elect of Christ Church, Oxford.



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Africa. He gave us a vivid account of Africa among the wild tribes, and what had been accomplished during his stay and work among them in the teaching of Christ, from cannibalism to Christian living and love. Later tea was served and old times reviewed. We appreciate the kindness and love of our fellow members in Christ.

### ST. PAUL'S, JASPER PLACE

THE REV. G. O. SCHULTZ

On April 23rd St. Paul's held its Silver Jubilee Service. The Women's Auxiliary attended this service in a body by special invitation.

The W.A. held a Silver Birthday tea at the home of Mrs. T. C. Griffiths on April 15th. Mrs. G. O. Schultz and Mrs. Griffiths received the guests and many visitors were present. In the absence of Bishop Burgett, Mrs. Tackaberry gave an address on the early days of the church and W.A. Mrs. C. Storey and Mrs. Tackaberry poured tea. The birthday cake, decorated in white and silver was cut by Mrs. J. Murray, one of our first W.A. members. Mrs. B. C. Nicholls had charge of a table of home cooking. Other members of the W.A. assisted in serving.

The Social Committee recently sponsored a dance in West Jasper Place School. Although the night was stormy and the lighting not all that could be desired everyone felt it to have been a very enjoyable occasion.

**Baptism**—Allan Robert Thompson, March 12th, 1939.

### HOLY TRINITY

THE REV. G. G. REYNOLDS

The sacred picture "King of Kings" was shown in the church basement under the auspices of the A.Y.P.A. and was greatly enjoyed.

The Junior W.A. have been very active. On Easter Tuesday the Diocesan J.W.A. met in Holy Trinity Church for their Service with the Rector giving the address, Herbert Wild at the organ and Rose Marie Fearon singing the solo. After the service they all went down into the basement for their business meeting and prize giving when his Lordship the Bishop was present and presented the prizes.

On Easter Friday the Holy Trinity J.W.A. gave a most successful tea in the church basement and a lovely programme of songs and dances was greatly enjoyed by all. Great praise is due to the leaders, Mrs. P. D. Fowler and Mrs. F. S. Wright. Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain had trained some of the groups.

On Friday, April 21st, the Parish Guild held a most successful Royal Tea in the church basement. The place was tastefully decorated in patriotic designs and many appreciative remarks were heard on the whole activity.

On Sunday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, His Lordship the Bishop preached the Silver Jubilee Sermon which was broadcast. Chairs were required to seat the overflowing congregation. The Holy Trinity Groups of Scouts and Guide organizations were present with their colors. In the evening the guests were the Royal Society of St. George and the Daughters of England. The Rector preached, Mr. Hugill and Mr. Young were the Layreaders and Herbert Wild was at the organ.

On Tuesday, April 25th, the W.A. held their quarterly Corporate Communion prior to their

monthly Missionary Meeting. The Rector celebrated the Sacrament.

On Friday, April 28th, the Holy Trinity Girls' Club presented the play "The Three Pegs" to a large and appreciated audience. Mrs. Greenwood was the director, Mrs. Dick MacDonald the make-up artist and there were vocal numbers in the intermissions.

The following activities are being planned:

May 5th—Scout Banquet.

May 5th—Girls' Club Dinner.

May 6th—A.Y.P.A. Rummage Sale.

May 24th—Parish Guild Garden Party.

May 21st—Visit of Col. and Mrs. Hamilton Gault.

June 9th—W.A. Garden Party.

### ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. J. C. MATTHEWS

**Sunday Services**—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.

**Weekday Services**—Monday, Thursday, Saturday at 7.30 a.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. Please note that the time of the Weekday Services has been changed from 8 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

**The Men's Guild**—A very successful Minstrel Show was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 22nd, put on by the members of the Men's Guild. The hall was packed and the show greatly enjoyed.

The members all feel gratified at the wonderful response and that the effort was well worth while.

Those taking part were Messrs. A. C. Russell, Petherbridge, Goldring, Watkins, Slater and Jones (end men) and the chorus including the above—Messrs. Searle, Horton, Woodward, Bouchard.

Mr. H. Dodd was in charge of the music and Mr. Swaffield was the Interlocutor.

The second half of the programme included a violin solo by Mr. R. Cantera, a monologue by Mr. Bouchard, a duet by Messrs. Watkins and Swaffield, concluding with a skit entitled "Two Scared Coons" by Messrs. Slater, Goldring, Searle, Jones and Russell. A special feature of the Skit was the Skeleton—which came to life. This was very cleverly made by Mr. Watkins, one of the members of the Guild and was the cause of a lot of fun.

The accompanists for the evening were Mrs. J. A. Swaffield and Mr. H. Dodd.

**Willing Workers**—The Willing Workers have planned a Tea and Sale of Fancy Work and Home Cooking to be held at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon, May 4th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A Card Party was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Pridmore on Monday evening, April 24th. A very pleasant and successful effort.

The Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, preceded by intercessions in the Chapel.

**The Choir**—On Palm Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. Swaffield the Choir rendered several beautiful numbers including "Lead Me Lord," "Ave Verum," "God So Loved the World," "So Thou Lifest Thy Divine Petition." Messrs. Petherbridge, Swaffield and Watkins were the soloists.

On Easter Sunday morning Stainer's Communion Service was sung and Mozart's "Ave Verum" was sung during the Communion.

In the evening the anthem "Christ is Risen" was sung.



## The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

### ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

THE REV. W. LEVERSEDGE

The Three-Hour Service on Good Friday was very well attended, and the attendance at the Easter Services was excellent; nearly one hundred making a communion at one or other of the services. The church looked beautiful with its decorations of Easter Lilies and Carnations, which were afterwards taken with their cheery message of hope to the sick of the parish. Easter Hymns and music told their message of victory and inspiration through the surging of an abundant life for those who have learned to die in order to live with Christ.

On Sunday, April 16th, the Canadian Legion and the local Squadron of the C.M.R. attended service for the annual commemoration of Vimy, and again our thoughts were directed to the "Price of Victory" and to prayers for international justice and peace.

April 23rd was Jubilee Sunday, and we thought together of those who had given themselves to the tasks of Christ and His Church in this Diocese, and of our responsibility to carry on still further the evangelization of the world.

With roads that have been snow blocked through the winter open once more, it was possible to begin once more the services at the outside points, and Pleasant Valley had its Easter Service on the 23rd, with a good congregation in attendance.

S. H. Gandier, and J. Waring represented the parish at the Jubilee Celebrations.

### ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

Owing to the present conditions, Kitscoty had this year to hold its Good Friday Service on Holy Thursday, a fact which did not hinder a splendid turnout of the faithful. Again on the afternoon of Easter Day, the little church was filled to capacity for a bright and happy service, at which twenty-seven communions were made. Following the service in the church, Communion was given to a sick parishioner, and to one who had given up her opportunity of worshipping with the congregation, to be with her. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The loyalty of the congregation is standing the test of being without a Priest of their own, but all are looking forward to the appointment of a resident Minister in May. The Parish was represented at the Jubilee Celebrations in Edmonton by Tom Mason.

St. John's, Kitscoty, W.A. has recently lost two valuable members—Mrs. H. Hardwicke having moved to Edson. A small gift of appreciation was presented to her as a recognition of her faithful services and interest in the church. Also Mrs. Stensreed, our valuable secretary, has moved to Lloydminster. A small gift with best wishes was presented to her. We are indeed sorry to lose these members, as we are so few in number, but we are doing our best to carry on.

We enjoy very much having Canon Leversedge with us at most of our meetings.

The Sunday School is still working under the able direction of Miss McKinley, and Canon Leversedge presented diplomas to several of the scholars at our fortnightly service.

## Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

### ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

THE REV. P. J. DISNEY

There were two services on Easter Day this year—an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.

It is gratifying to be able to report that there was the largest number of Easter communicants in twelve years, and that the evening service saw the largest Easter congregation for a number of years.

It is also gratifying to be able to report that the congregations for the Monday evening Lenten services improved during the latter half of Lent. The Good Friday service, unfortunately, was not as well attended as last year.

The school house was full for the first service of the summer at Crickledale, when ten people made their Easter communion.

The Fullview congregation maintains its average.

At Choice some week-day services are being planned for the summer months. This is an experiment. Services have not been held here previously, but there is a real need for spiritual ministrations in the district.

The vicarage was the scene of a very happy social evening on Monday, April 24th, when about a hundred parishioners came together for a parish "At Home." At the close of the evening a presentation was made to Miss Betty Trapp, a devoted Sunday School teacher, whose marriage takes place shortly.

The first service of the summer at Velve will be held on Sunday, April 30th, at 3 p.m.

### HOLY TRINITY, HUGHENDEN

THE REV. P. J. DISNEY

Last year it was a joy to be able to report a record Easter congregation. This year it is a greater joy to be able to report an improvement of twelve per cent. over last year's record. The little church was jammed, people sitting in chairs in the aisle and in the porch. If that happened every Sunday, a new church would have to be built!

The Good Friday congregation was also an improvement on last year, but the Wednesday evening Lenten services showed a slight drop.

For the first time an early celebration of the Holy Communion, at 10 a.m., preceded the 11 o'clock service on Easter.

At Pearson, there was Holy Communion, with a fair number of communicants on Easter Day.

The W.A. held a very successful Easter tea.

A very faithful member of the church has been called to higher service. Mrs. Victor Twigg had served God in His Church for many years as Sunday School teacher and worker in woman's organizations. Only when advanced age made it impossible for her to continue her activities, did she resign her work, while her prayers and support continued to the end. She died, having lived a good and useful life, at the age of 81. Amongst those who survive her is her aged mother, 101, who lives in Edinburgh. May she rest in peace.



ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

**Good Friday:** The service was beautiful, and many people came to hear once again the story of the Christ Who was "despised and rejected" that they and those dear to them might have Eternal life. We are used to hearing Him spoken of as the Light, Hope, Life of the world, but during Lent we were led to think of Him as the NEED of the world.

**Easter Sunday:** The church looked lovely! "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Going in for early service, the line involuntarily came into one's mind: "We love the place, O God . . ." It was refreshing to see so many of the young communicants present. The other services were inspirational—there is a splendor of faith which defies all doubt and fear, because of One Who said, "I have overcome the world."

**Silver Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving:** We will not soon forget the message heard on this Sunday evening. "They that wait upon the Lord;" and the words of strength ringing through the silence made all the little differences of life seem impotent and useless.

"For the memories we treasure,  
That to this our Home belong,  
Hours of sweet and high communion,  
Matin prayer, and Evensong."

**A.Y.P.A.:** Nearly all the A.Y.P.A. members came to their corporate Communion Service on Sunday, 26th March. These young people are the hope of the future.

On Monday, 3rd April, we were invited to hold our Literary meeting at the Lutheran College, when Mr. Ronning showed slides of and gave an interesting talk on China. There is talk of a hike and a weiner roast!

**Thanks.** We would like to thank Mrs. Patterson for playing the organ while Mrs. Colbert was away on holiday. Also Mrs. Maglis for lending us her home for our Easter sale of flowers, home cooking and tea. She is always willing to "do a good turn" for the Church. To the parents who so faithfully send money for collection by the young people of the Sunday School; because these same parents are giving to most everything else, too.

**Burials:** "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." On the 25th March, Mrs. Lily May Mc. Nary.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

THE REV. T. TEAPE

The evening service on Good Friday was well attended, and much appreciated.

At the Choral Communion Service, Easter Sunday, there was an unusually large congregation, almost every seat being filled. The beautiful service was brightened by daffodils on the altar, and the hearty singing of the joyous Easter hymns.

During Easter week the Sunday School teachers entertained the children at the home of Mrs. C. H. Roper.

The Rector was in Edmonton for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. He was accompanied from this parish by Mr. G. J. Baker, lay-reader.

LEDUC AND MILLET

The Good Friday and Easter services were very well attended, especially Holy Communion on Easter morning when very few of our communicants were absent. We would like to see Good Friday recognized each year more and more and on such a great Festival as Easter we would like more of our people attending even twice. This surely isn't too much to expect for Easter Day.

The St. John's, Millet A.Y.P.A. were glad to welcome the president and members of the Edmonton Council to Millet on 17th April. Altogether 30 members were present and a very helpful and encouraging evening was spent.

At a Vestry meeting of St. Paul's Church, Leduc, held early in April, a resolution was passed: starting a "Paint Fund" to raise sufficient money to paint the church, buildings and property. Mr. L. P. Roach is the treasurer and will gladly receive any money given for that purpose. Many adverse comments have been made as to the poor condition of these buildings, especially since we were placed on the Calgary highway. St. John's, Millet, was painted in 1938, now St. Paul's, what about it?

We were glad to be represented by members of the churches of Leduc and Millet at the Jubilee Service on the 19th and the banquet at the Corona, on 20th April. Those who went to the service came away impressed anew with the obligation we have as Church of England people of doing our utmost to show our loyalty to the Anglican Church and to the Diocese. We as church people have set our hands to a task we cannot relinquish. We learned again we are not just a congregation struggling alone to overcome difficulties, but we are members of a militant Catholic Church, marching with all other Christians towards a common end—the establishment of God's Kingdom here on earth.

At the Banquet, Leduc and Millet were both represented and those who went thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

May the writer congratulate the Editor of the Church Messenger Jubilee Number, the Rev. G. P. Gower, on the very fine production he has just brought out. We looked for something good, but this is a number that every Church member in the Diocese should buy and keep. A few numbers are available in this parish at 25 cents each.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

MAYERTHORPE MISSION

THE REV. W. DE V. A. HUNT

The League of Prayer and Service, inaugurated last week by our Bishop, challenges the sincerity of those who say they desire peace. Do they desire it sufficiently to get down on their knees daily and pray for the spirit of peace and goodwill which, to be effective in the world at large, must first begin in our own hearts and homes?

St. Luke's, Mayerthorpe

On Good Friday evening the Anglican and United congregations met for a devotional service in this church. The vicar conducted the service and the Rev. Thos. Sneddon preached.

The services on Easter Day were very well attended. In the evening, being Vimy Day as



well as Easter, the local branch of the Canadian Legion, escorted by the recently formed village band, paraded from the Veterans' Hall to the church. The church was packed, and the band had to be crowded into the vestry. After the third collect a brief thanksgiving and memorial for the fallen at Vimy was offered and Mr. Dennis Heald sounded the Last Post and Reveille. The vicar then preached on the words from the Nicene Creed: "I look for the Resurrection of the dead."

At this service the Senior and Girls' W.A., and the Sunday School children all presented their Lenten offerings. As in former years the Sunday School offering was given to Miss Camp for the work of the Sunday School by Post.

The Senior and Girls' W.A. offerings will form the nucleus of a fund to provide pews for the church.

The flowers on the altar on Easter Day were given by Miss Margaret Whittington in memory of her mother, who was killed in a motor accident last summer.

## St. Mary's, Sangudo

On Tuesday, April 25th, the Mission Council met at Sangudo to discuss the financial situation and problems connected with all points within the Mission. Seven delegates were present, representing Sangudo, Mayerthorpe, Padstow, Greencourt and Stanger. The delegates expressed their determination to see that every effort shall be made to meet the increased apportionments.

For some time past the St. Mary's organ has stood in need of repair. A few weeks ago it was decided to send the organ into Edmonton by truck. Instructions to that effect were given to a local trucker. Next day our warden went into the church to find the organ still there. Meanwhile there was consternation amongst the members of the United Church to discover that their organ had mysteriously vanished! However, "all's well that ends well." The United Church organ was speedily wafted back from Edmonton, and St. Mary's organ exchanged for a better one.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Frank Allen on the illness of her husband. Mrs. Allen is one of the first members of St. Mary's congregation.

**Holy Baptism:** Kathleen Barbara Dawson, on March 31st, at Lisburn.

**Holy Matrimony:** Walter John Chittick and Mable Elsie Wilson, on Easter Monday, in St. Luke's Church, Mayerthorpe. Edward Henry Ficht and Kristina Johanna Schell, on Easter Tuesday, in St. Mary's Church, Sangudo.

## EDSON AND ST. PAUL'S MISSION

THE REV. T. J. MATTHEWS

Easter services were exceptionally well attended this year. The matter of Church attendance at these services was brought up by the Rev. N. D. McGinnis, at the performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" on the Wednesday evening. This performance, conducted by the Rev. T. J. Matthews, was a great success and was much enjoyed by a large audience.

The Rev. Shroeder, emissary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was in Edson for a few days this month, and spoke to our Sunday School on April 16th, to the congregation at the evening service.

Special Jubilee services were conducted here by the Rev. T. Matthews, on the 23rd. At the

morning service a radio was installed in the church in order to get the Bishop's message. It was nice to feel that we were all sharing this same service.

On Ascension Day, the Bishop will ordain Mr. Godkin, in Edson; and he will then go up the Branch to work.

**Batisms:** Charles Madge; Philip Richard Matthews, Edson.

**Burials:** Baby Gardiner, Peers.

The parish wishes to extend congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Matthews on the birth of twin sons on Monday, March 27th, with sincere thanks to God for their good progress and the best of wishes for their future health and happiness.

The W.A. have been keeping up their weekly sewing meetings, working toward the Bazaar on the 29th. They also catered to another Masonic evening on the 6th.

The A.Y.P.A., under the direction of Mr. Grover, undertook to clean the parish hall windows and wash the curtains. The washing and ironing was done by Y. Laurence and E. Moore. V. McLean and P. Denier helped with the windows. This will be appreciated by the W.A. in view of the coming sale.

## ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

MISS B. ONIONS and MISS C. BEE

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Edmonton on Sunday, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Our prayers are asked for those who are to be confirmed. There will be candidates from Onoway, Rich Valley, Brookdale and Calahoo.

On Easter Day the church looked very lovely as in addition to the lilies and daffodils the church was brightened by a new Sanctuary carpet and curtains, given in memory of the late Mrs. Taylor, who was a much loved and faithful member of the Church and W.A.

Our Easter Communion was celebrated on Low Sunday, when we were pleased to welcome the Rev. S. F. Tackaberry who conducted the service.

Onoway representatives at the Diocesan Silver Jubilee were Miss Onions, Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Armistead.

**W.A.:** At their last meeting the W.A. heard a very interesting report of the Convention, given by their delegate, Mrs. Longman.

A Silver Tea was held on Saturday, April 22nd, at the home of Mrs. Beaupre.

Members of the W.A. spring cleaned the church in preparation for Easter.

**Rich Valley:** The Guides had a church parade on St. George's Day, and there was a very good attendance. We had a very successful jumble sale last month.

**Brookdale:** The Rev. Canon S. F. Tackaberry came to us on Low Sunday for a celebration of Holy Communion. The church is now almost completed and we are looking forward to soon being able to hold services in it.

**Calahoo:** We are hoping this spring to paint our little church, and some improvements are now being made to the inside of the building. The boys are planning to spend a Saturday afternoon cleaning up the grounds.

**Holy Baptism:** Brookdale, April 2nd, Shirley Ivy Roberts. Calahoo, April 2nd, James Richard Walker.

**Burial:** Onoway, April 6th, James Eric Beeson.



THE WABAMUN MISSION

REV. COLIN CUTTELL

Easter Day at Wabamun saw the same grand crowd of worshippers (over 100) from many lake-shore points. The weather was excellent. But what was more encouraging was the church full on Good Friday. In a way Good Friday is a better test of devotion. A bare church, crepe-hung and the altar stripped, with the solemnity of the Passion-tide message, offers none of the external appeal of Easter Day.

Easter at **Duffield** saw an increase over last year; whilst **St. Peter's, Entwistle**, excelled itself with an attendance of twenty-six on the second Sunday after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Dollman are leaving **Evansburgh**, we regret to say. They have been among the most faithful in the congregation of St. Paul's. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Matheson family in their recent bereavement.

After due preparation, Ann Christina Tyrrell was baptized at **Highvale** on Monday, April 24th; her husband, Mr. Arthur Tyrrell, being one of the sponsors. They are members of the Duffield congregation.

On the 10th of April Miss Hilda Margerison was presented with a beautiful picture as a birthday present by the Young People of the **Wabamun Mission**. On the occasion of the Jubilee service at All Saints, on the evening of the 19th April. Mr. Ralph Gardener took in a truck-load of boys and girls. Nobody doubted that it had been well worth the effort. We are grateful to Mr. Gardener for his willing services.

The very next evening the Order of St. Francis held a lawn party to which the members of the Order of St. Clare had been invited. A bonfire, boxing and some unusual dancing with wild music by the Wahoo girls caused the village to wonder what the Anglican Church was coming to. Actually it "came to" at midnight. Oh, yes, we can have our fun! And then on the Work side, the Order of St. Clare realized the sum of \$35.00 at their sale and tea, on Saturday, the 22nd April. The quilt was won by Miss Edna Hancock, which pleased us all very much. So St. Saviour's can now make a substantial contribution to Apportionment, thanks to O.S.C., aided and abetted by "Ma" and Mrs. Halhead.

Services during May are as follows:

May 7th—Tomahawk, 11 a.m.; Wabamun, 7.30 p.m.

May 14th—Wabamun, 9 a.m.; Duffield, 11 a.m.; Rexboro, 3 p.m., and Wabamun, 7.30 p.m.

May 21st—Evansburgh, 11 a.m.; Park Court, 3 p.m.; Wabamun, 7.30 p.m.

May 28th—**Whitsunday**: Confirmation, St. Saviour's, Wabamun. Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Laying on of Hands, 11 a.m.

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